

THE LUCIFER AND BISCUIT HAMMER



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The Lucifer Summer

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IT'S MY
OWN
ROUTINE.

SLIDE

I SAY A
PRAYER
EVERY MORN-
ING WHEN
I WAKE UP.

MAY A
MISSILE FALL
SOON AND
DESTROY
EVERYTHING.



WAITING
TO STRIKE
FROM
SPACE.

CASTING
A SHADOW
ACROSS
THE SKY,

BUT A GIANT
HAMMER TO
PULVERIZE
THE GROUND
WOULD BE
BETTER.

A MISSILE
WOULD
BURN DOWN
THE TOWN,
WHICH IS
FINE...

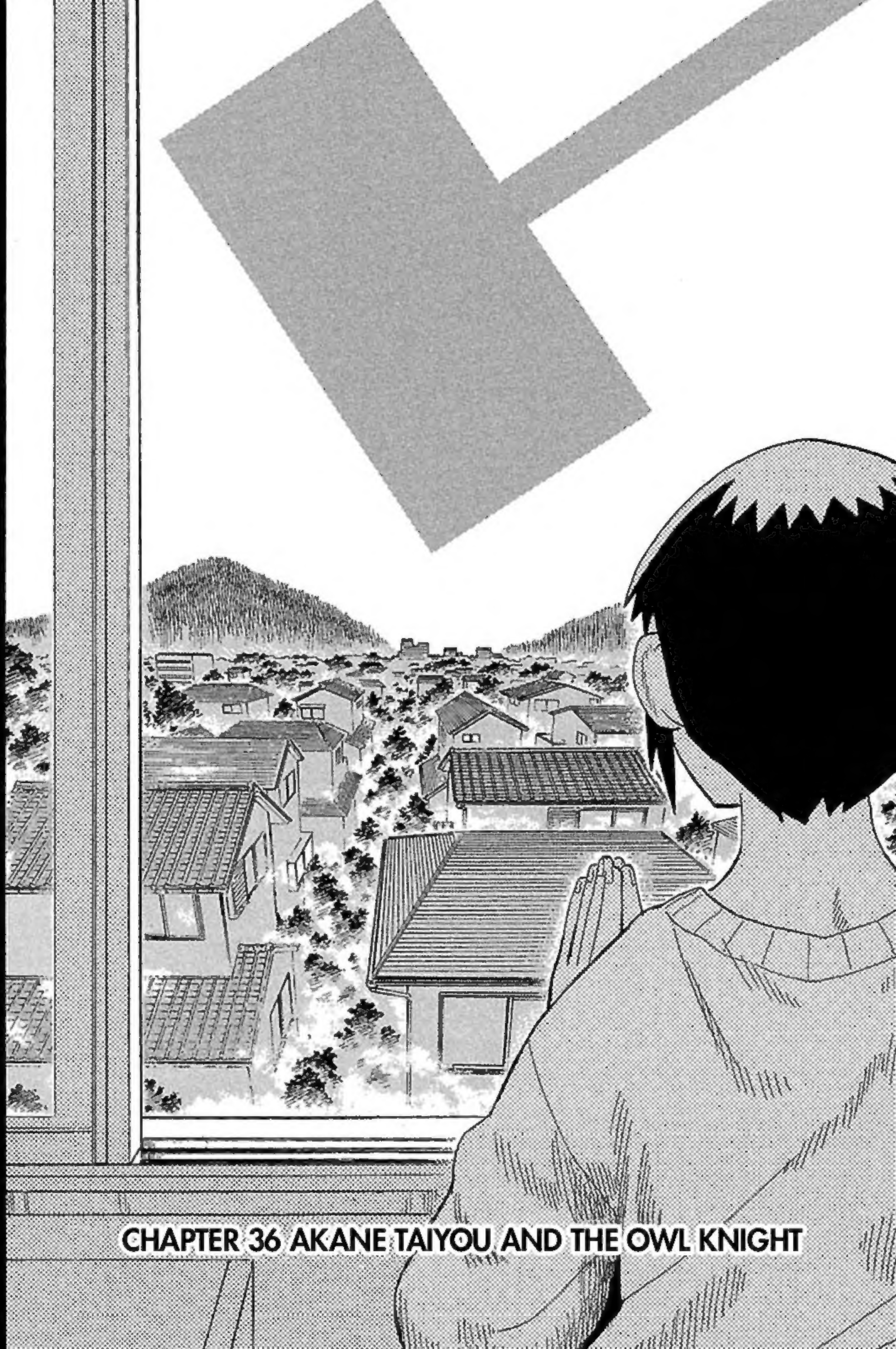
BUT TODAY,
FOR FUN, I
ELABO-
RATED A
LITTLE.

I CAN PICTURE IT



SO CLEARLY...

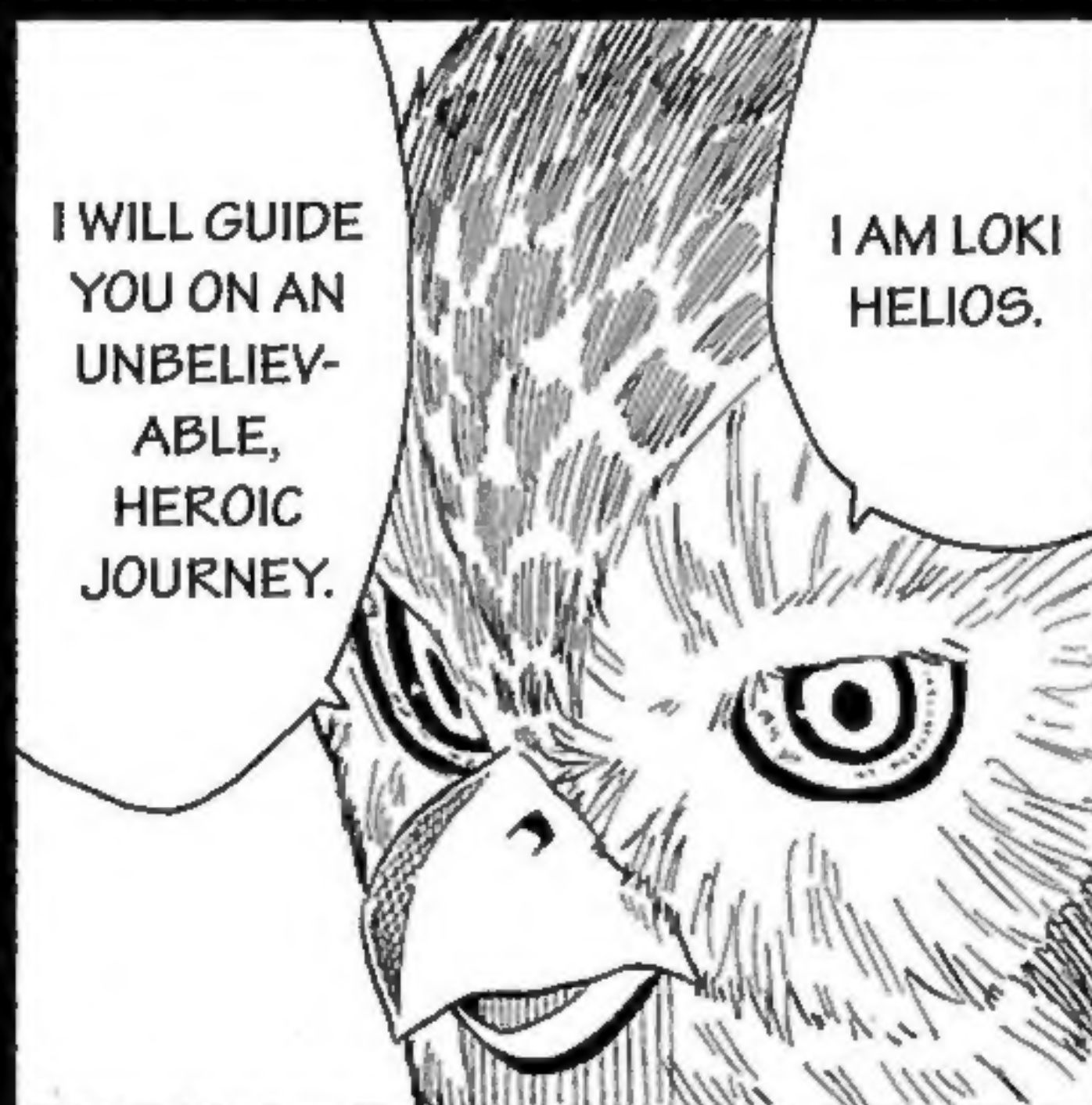




CHAPTER 36 AKANE TAIYOU AND THE OWL KNIGHT



HOO, YOU
TRULY ARE
A KINDED
SPIRIT OF
MINE.



I WILL GUIDE
YOU ON AN
UNBELIEV-
ABLE,
HEROIC
JOURNEY.

I AM LOKI
HELIOS.



CHOOSE
TO SEE
DESTRUC-
TION.

YOU, OF
YOUR OWN
VOLITION,





HIS FATHER
REMAR-
RIED, AND
THEY HAD
ANOTHER
SON.

HIS BIO-
LOGICAL
MOTHER
DIED FIVE
YEARS
AGO.



HE HAS
TWO
PARENTS
AND A
YOUNGER
BROTHER.

AKANE
TAIYOU,
12 YEARS
OLD.



HE HAS NO
ASPIRATIONS
AND STAYS
OUT LATE AT
NIGHT.

HE DOESN'T
GET ALONG
WITH HIS STEP-
MOTHER, AND
HIS FATHER
WORKS ALL
DAY AND IS
RARELY HOME.



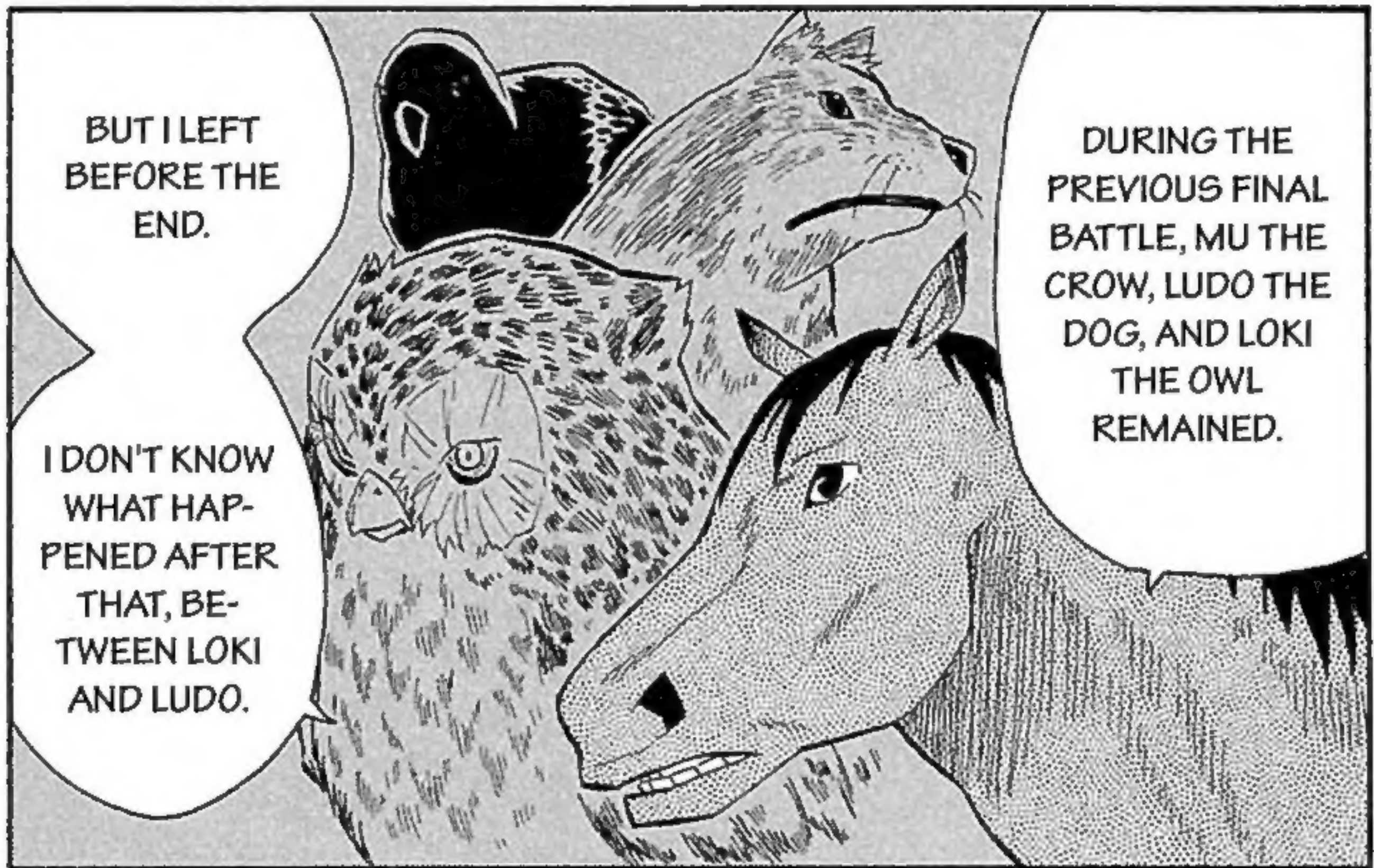
BOTH IN
BATTLE AND
IN FRIEND-
SHIP.

MORE
OR LESS
A BY-
STANDER.



WHAT'S
THIS LOKI
LIKE?

SO,
DANCE...



BUT I LEFT
BEFORE THE
END.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT HAP-
PENED AFTER
THAT, BE-
TWEEN LOKI
AND LUDO.

DURING THE
PREVIOUS FINAL
BATTLE, MU THE
CROW, LUDO THE
DOG, AND LOKI
THE OWL
REMAINED.



BEWARE OF
THE OWL.

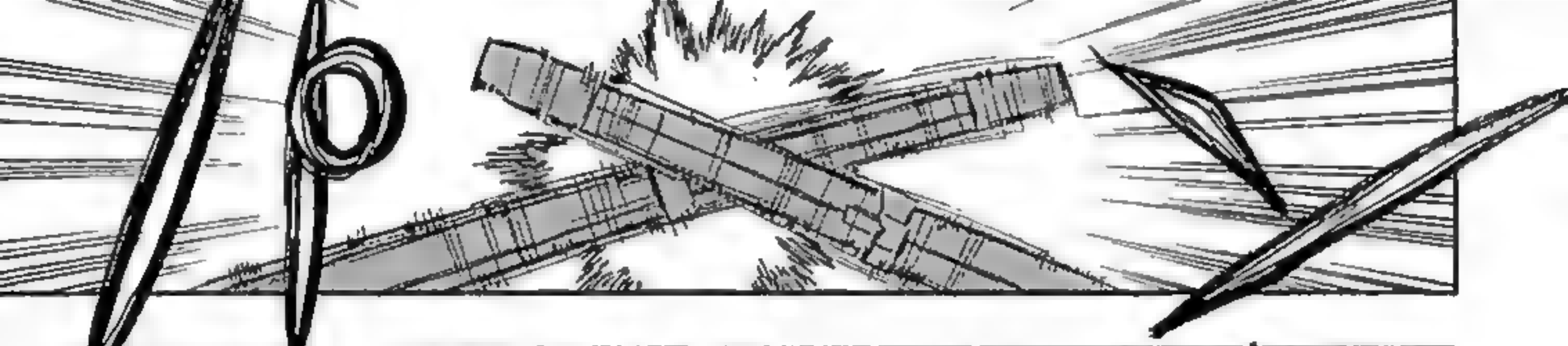
THE LAST THING
THE DOG KNIGHT
SAID WAS...



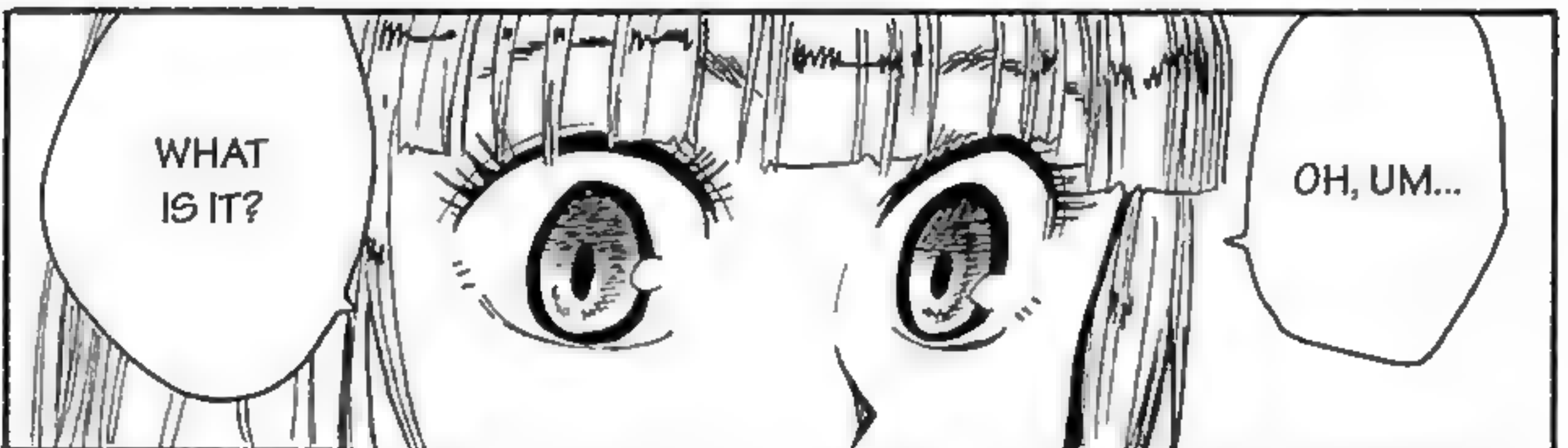
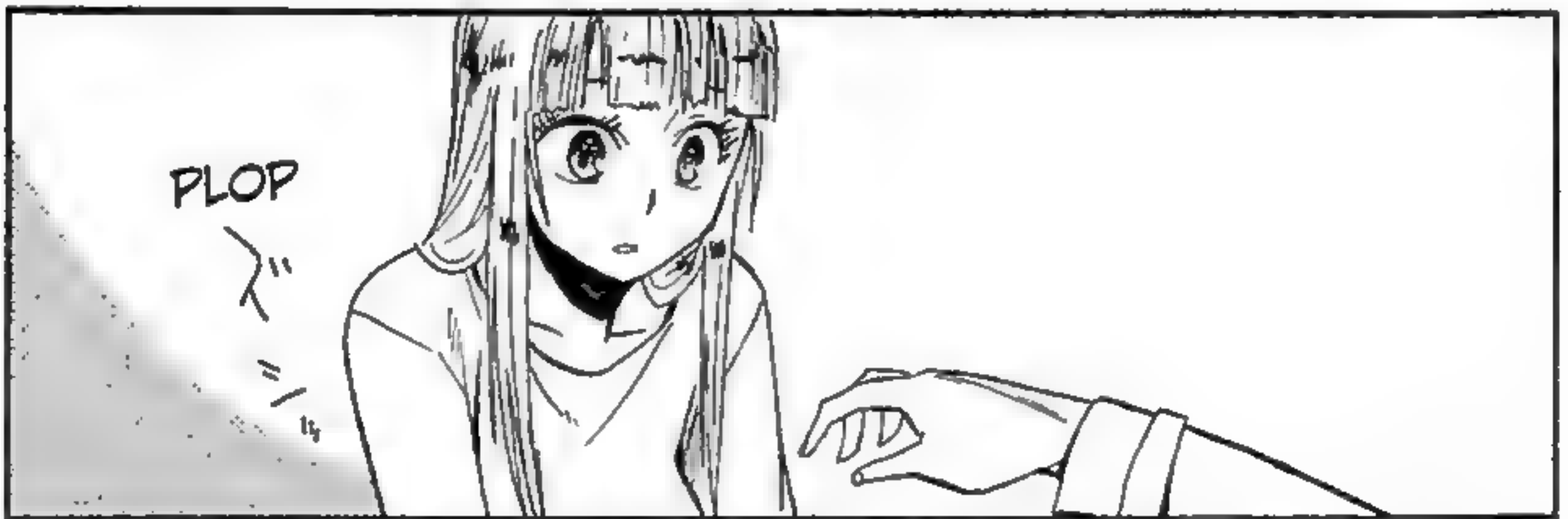
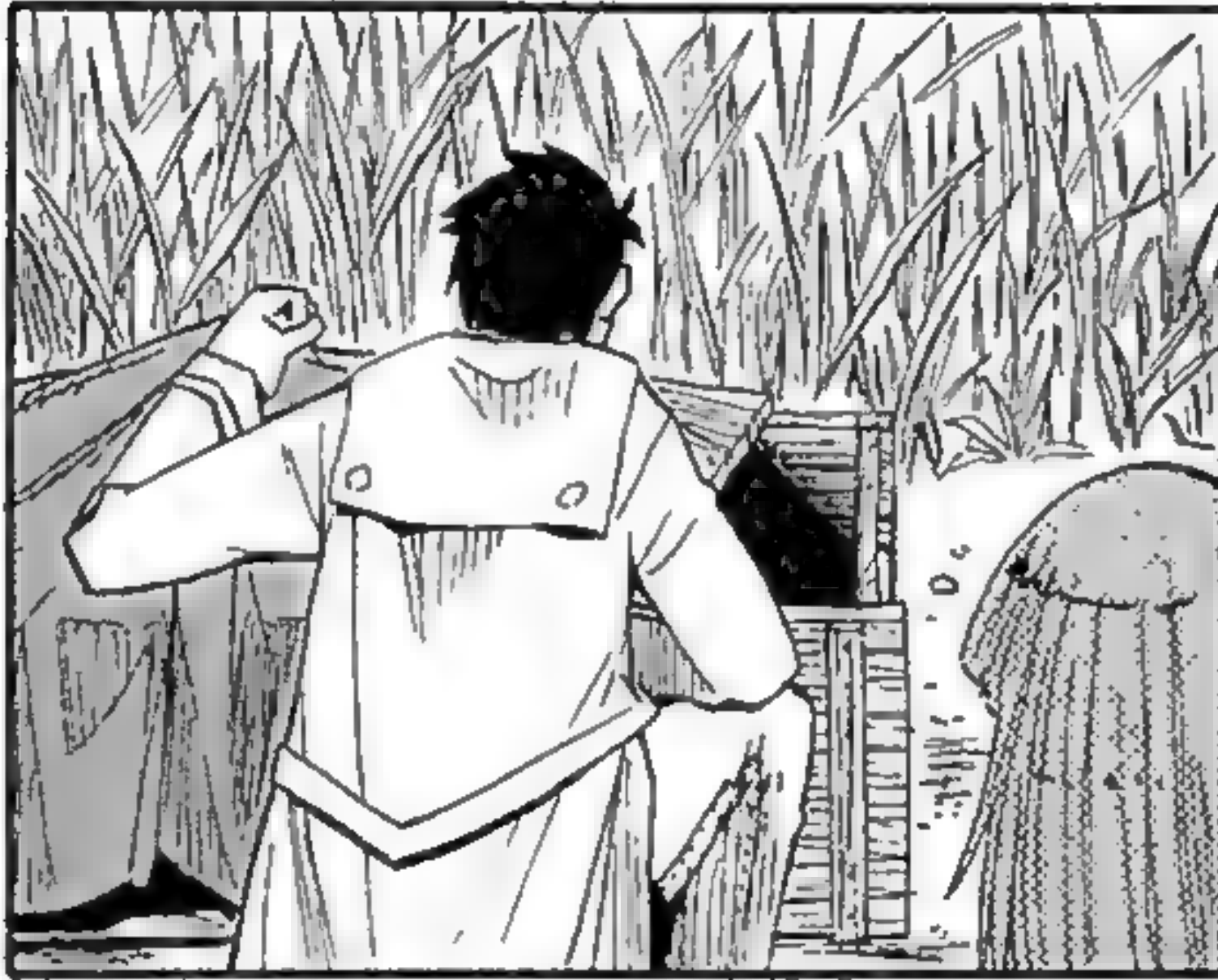
BUT WAS
THAT LOKI'S
WILL?

COULD IT BE
HE BETRAYED
HIM DURING
THE FINAL
SHOWDOWN?

OR THE RING
KNIGHT'S
WILL?









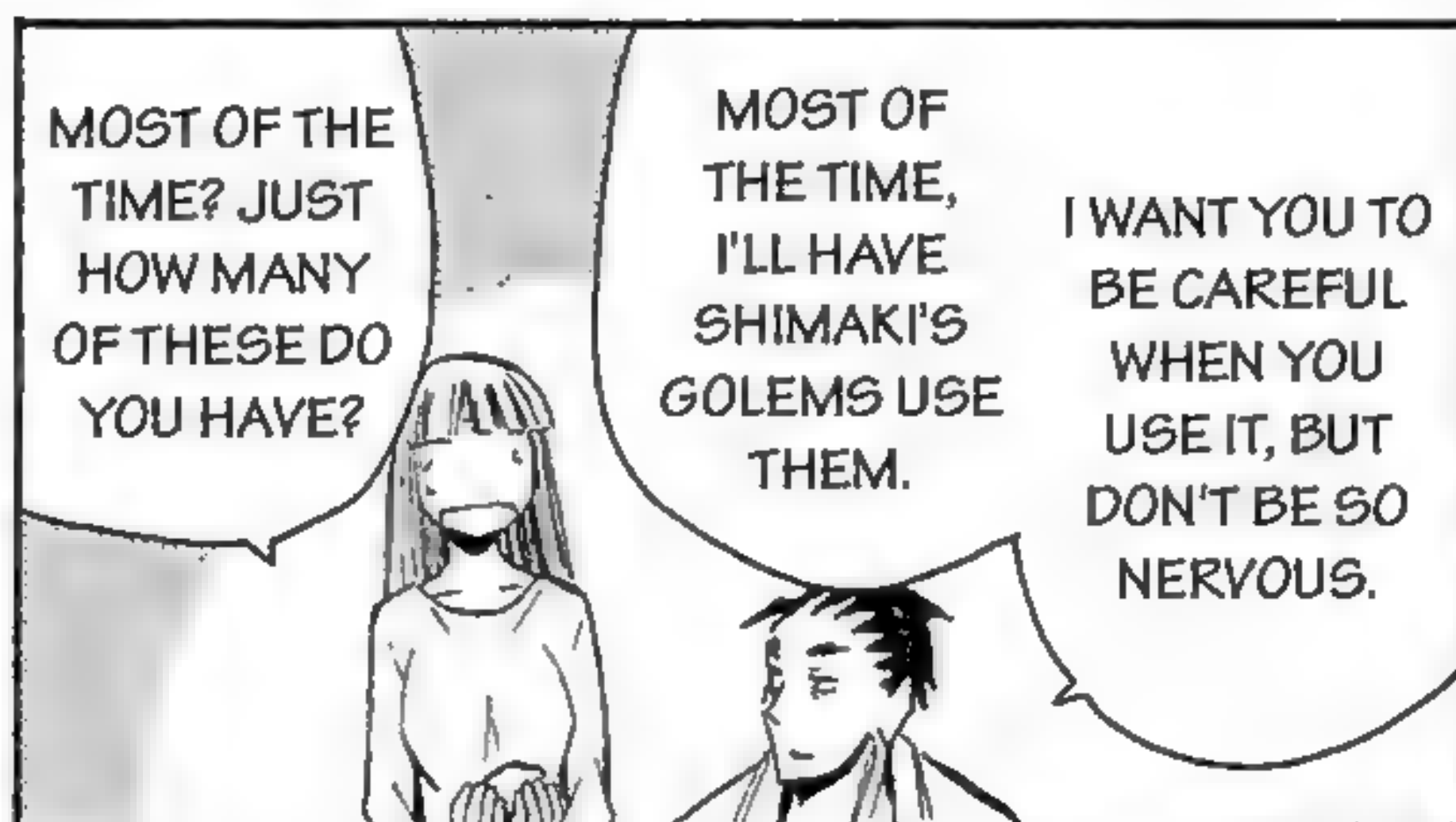


I GUESS
IT'S NOT
FOR
SWEET
AND
SOUR
PORK,
THEN.



I'LL EXPLAIN
HOW IT'S
USED.

IT'S GENER-
ALLY CALLED
A MK II
FRAGMEN-
TATION
HAND GRE-
NADE.



MOST OF THE
TIME? JUST
HOW MANY
OF THESE DO
YOU HAVE?

MOST OF
THE TIME,
I'LL HAVE
SHIMAKI'S
GOLEMS USE
THEM.

I WANT YOU TO
BE CAREFUL
WHEN YOU
USE IT, BUT
DON'T BE SO
NERVOUS.



NOT
UNLESS
YOU WANT
TO BLOW
UP YOUR
KITCHEN.



IT
SHOULD
BE
EFFECTIVE.

DO YOU
THINK SHE
REALLY
NEEDS
THAT?

NAGUMO-KUN.
MIKI'S GETTING
PRETTY INVOLVED
WITH THE OCCULT.

TRY NOT
TO DIE.

WELL, I'LL
LEAVE IT AT
THAT.

I SEE.

SO...

THEN WHY
DO YOU NEED
A KNIGHT? LET
THE ARMY
TAKE CARE OF
THEM.

THEY
WILL, YES.

WILL HUMAN
WEAPONS HURT
THOSE EVIL
GOLEMS?

EVEN THE ONES
WHO CAN DISMISS
THEM AS ILLUSIONS.

MOST PEOPLE
CAN'T SEE THE
GOLEMS OR THE
HAMMER.



THEREFORE,
ONLY SPECIAL
PEOPLE CAN BE
INVOLVED IN
THE BATTLE.

WE CAN
SENSE
WHEN
ANOMA-
LIES
APPEAR
CLOSE BY.

AND
YOU NEED
YOUR
RING
SQUIRE,
TOO.



SPE-
CIAL?

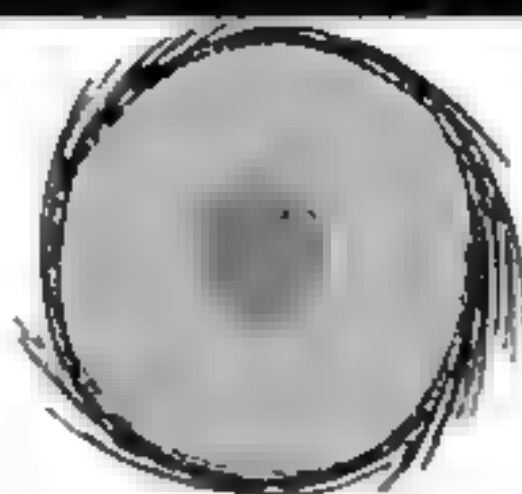


THEY ACCEPT
THE UNBELIEV-
ABLE AND THEN
BELIEVE IT.

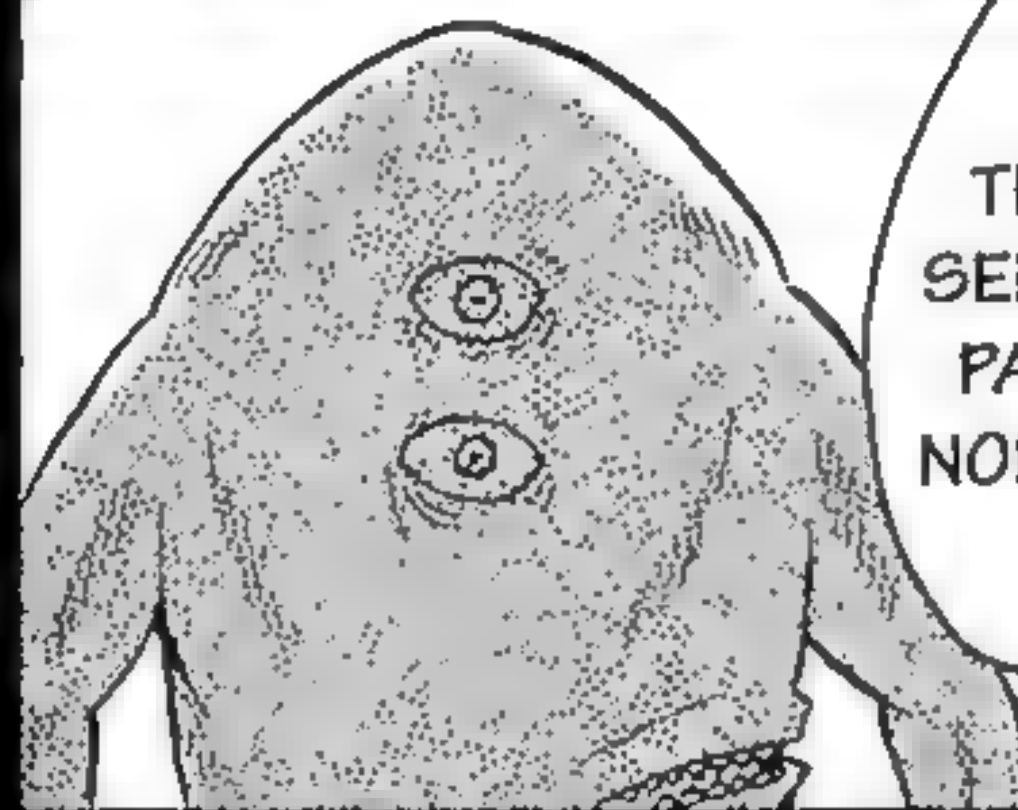
RING KNIGHTS
ARE SPECIALLY-
CHOSEN IDIOTS
WHO'VE GOT
MORE SCREWS
LOOSE THAN
MOST.



AND
DRAW
FROM IT.



THEY
SEE THE
PARA-
NORMAL



ANIMUS HAS
DESTROYED THE
FUTURE AND
PROCEEDED
BACK IN TIME.



BUT THE
GOLEMS AND
MAGES ARE
STRONG. THE
KNIGHTS HAVE
NEVER PRE-
VAILED.

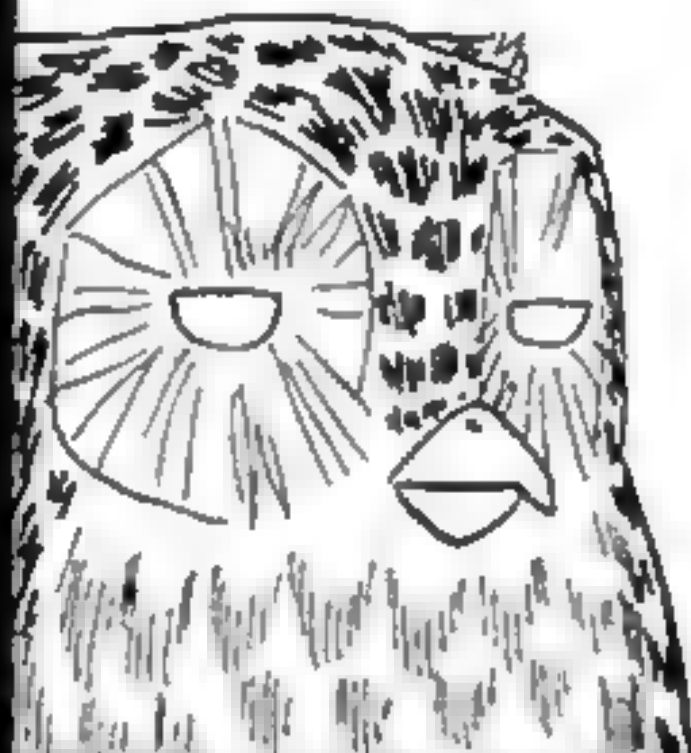
IF A KAPPA
BORN DOWN-
STREAM GOES
UPSTREAM
AND DAMS UP
THE RIVER, HE
WOULD NOT
DISAPPEAR.



TIME DOES
NOT FLOW
IN A LINE.
IT IS SPA-
CIAL IN
NATURE.



WHAT ABOUT THE
TIME PARADOX,
OF WHETHER
KILLING SOME-
ONE'S ANCESTOR
WOULD ALSO KILL
THEM?



THE TIME
PARADOX
SIMPLY
DOES NOT
EXIST.

IF HE
DESTROYS
THE PAST,
ANIMUS WILL
NEVER BE
BORN.



BUT WHAT
I WANTED
TO SAY IS
QUITE
SIMPLE.



WELL,
WE'VE DI-
GRESSED,

IT'S
STILL
A BIT
FUZZY.



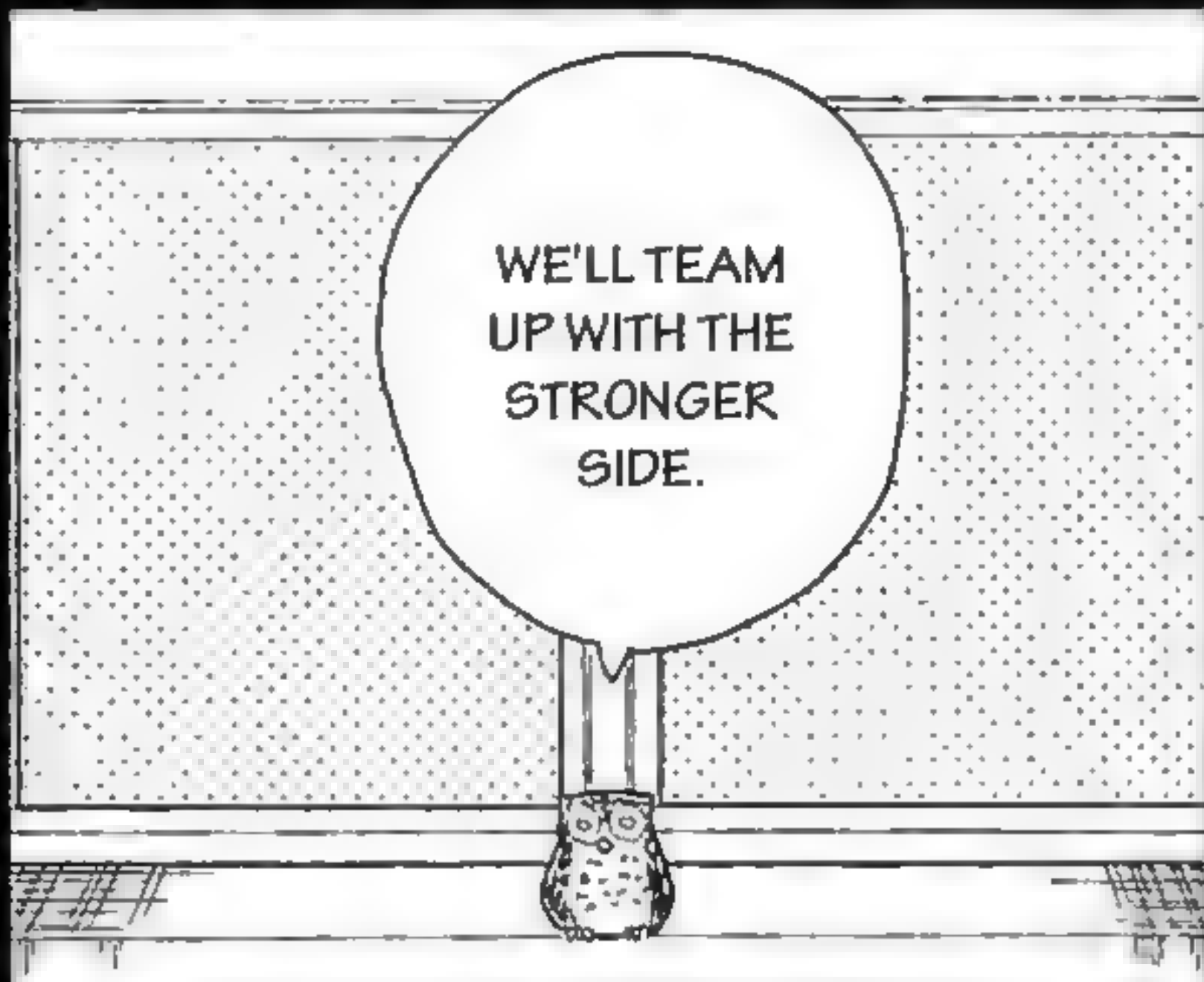
I THINK
SO...

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?





I'VE
FOUGHT
TOO MANY
BATTLES I
COULDN'T
WIN.



WE'LL TEAM
UP WITH THE
STRONGER
SIDE.

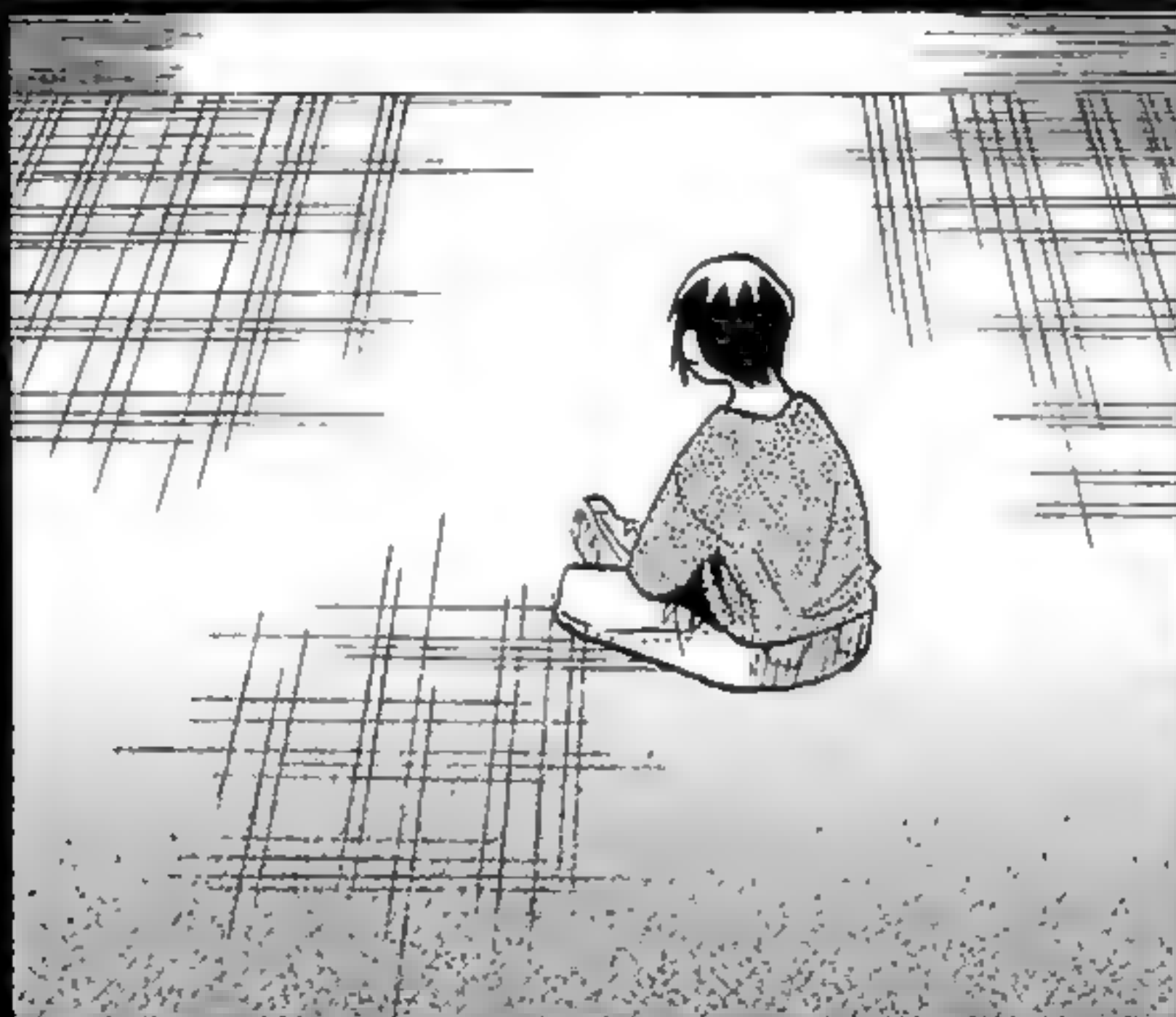


ANIMUS IS
GOING TO
DESTROY
THE
WORLD,
RIGHT?

HUH?
BUT...




DOES
THAT
BOTHER
YOU?




NO.

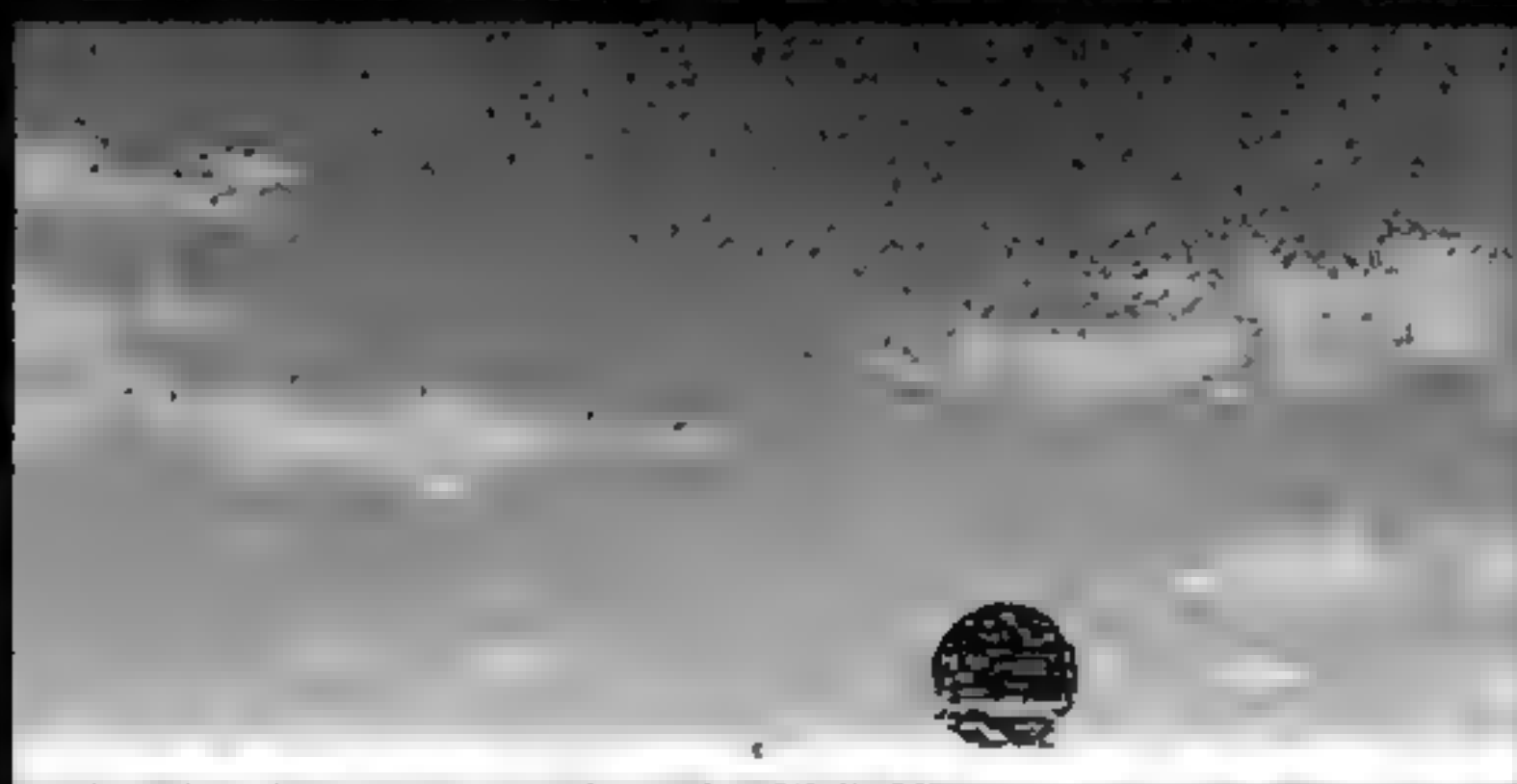




IT CAN
ALL TURN
TO DUST.



YES,
INDEED.





GOOD
TO SEE
YOU,
DAD.

I'M
HOME.



OH, TAIYOU.
WELCOME
HOME.



HONEY,
GET MY
WALLET.

ARE YOU
HUNGRY?

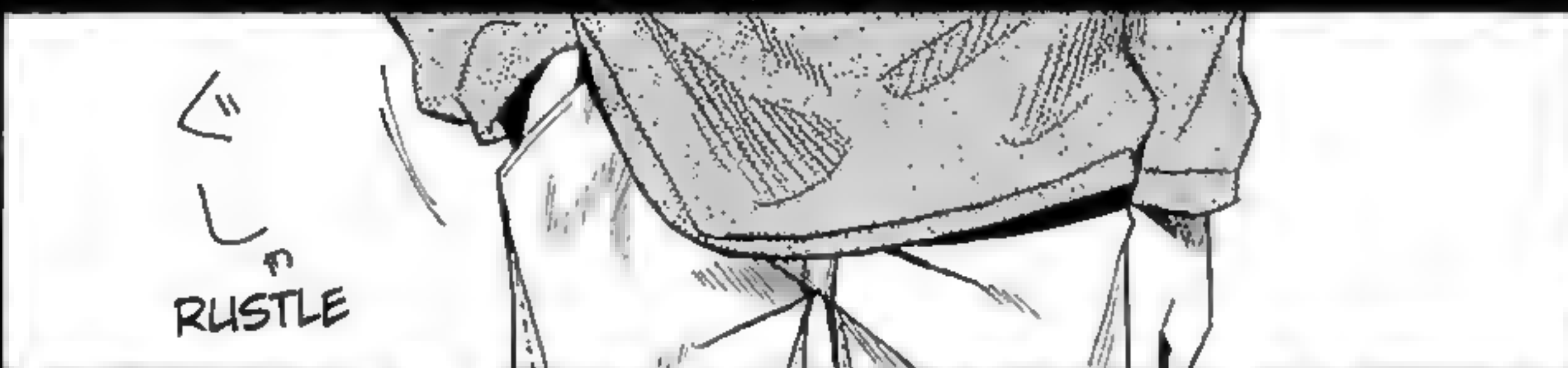
5000 YEN



THANKS,
DAD!



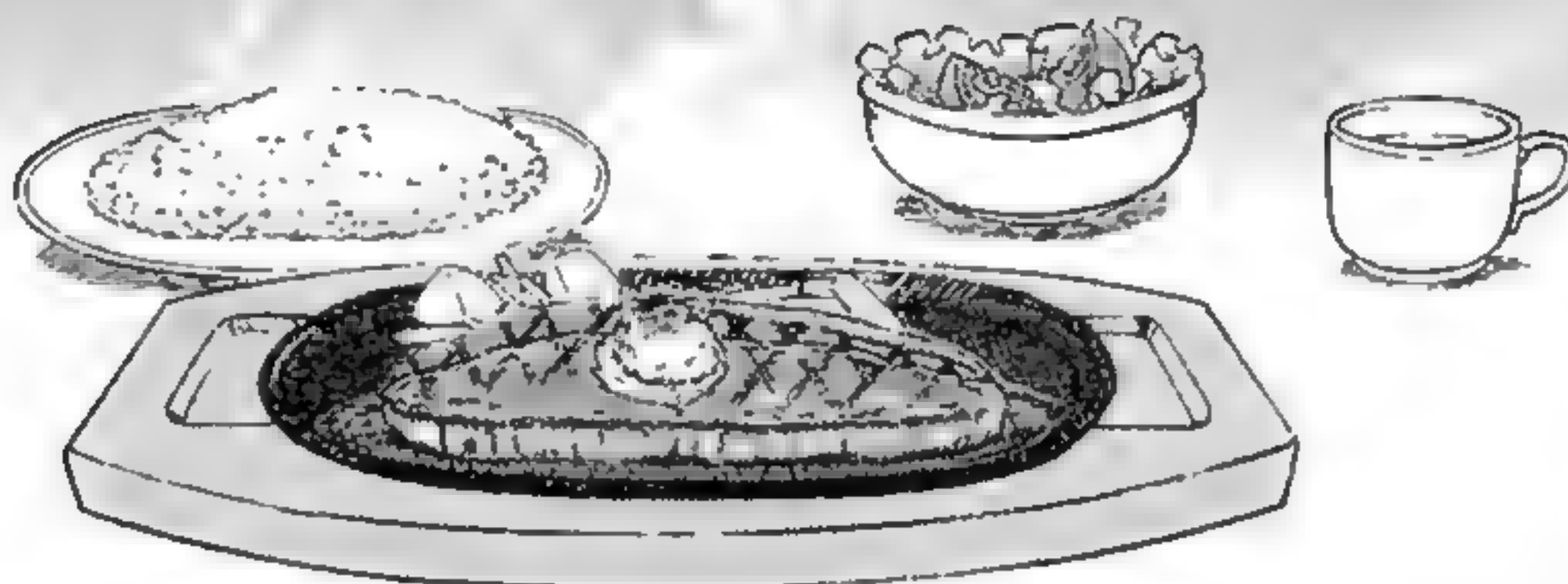
GO GET
YOURSELF
SOME-
THING
GOOD TO
EAT.



RUSSLE



*LAST MAN



NOT
REALLY
DELI-
CIOUS,
THOUGH.

IT'S NOT
BAD.

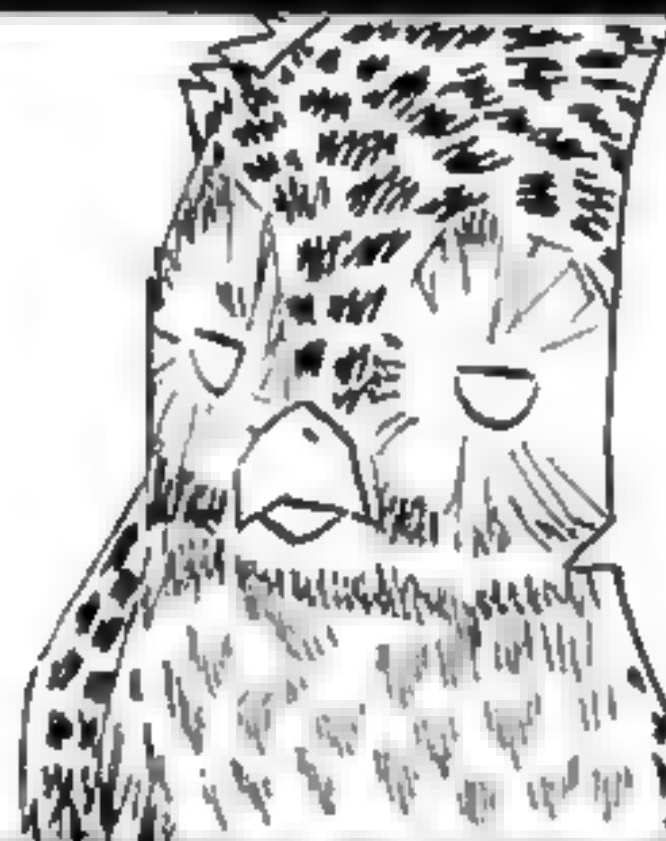
HOO,
THAT
LOOKS
DELI-
CIOUS.



THIS WAS
EXPEN-
SIVE, SO I
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
BE GOOD.



COME TO
THINK OF
IT, I DON'T
REALLY
HAVE A
FAVORITE
FOOD.



I GUESS
KIDS YOUR
AGE LIKE
THAT KIND
OF STUFF.

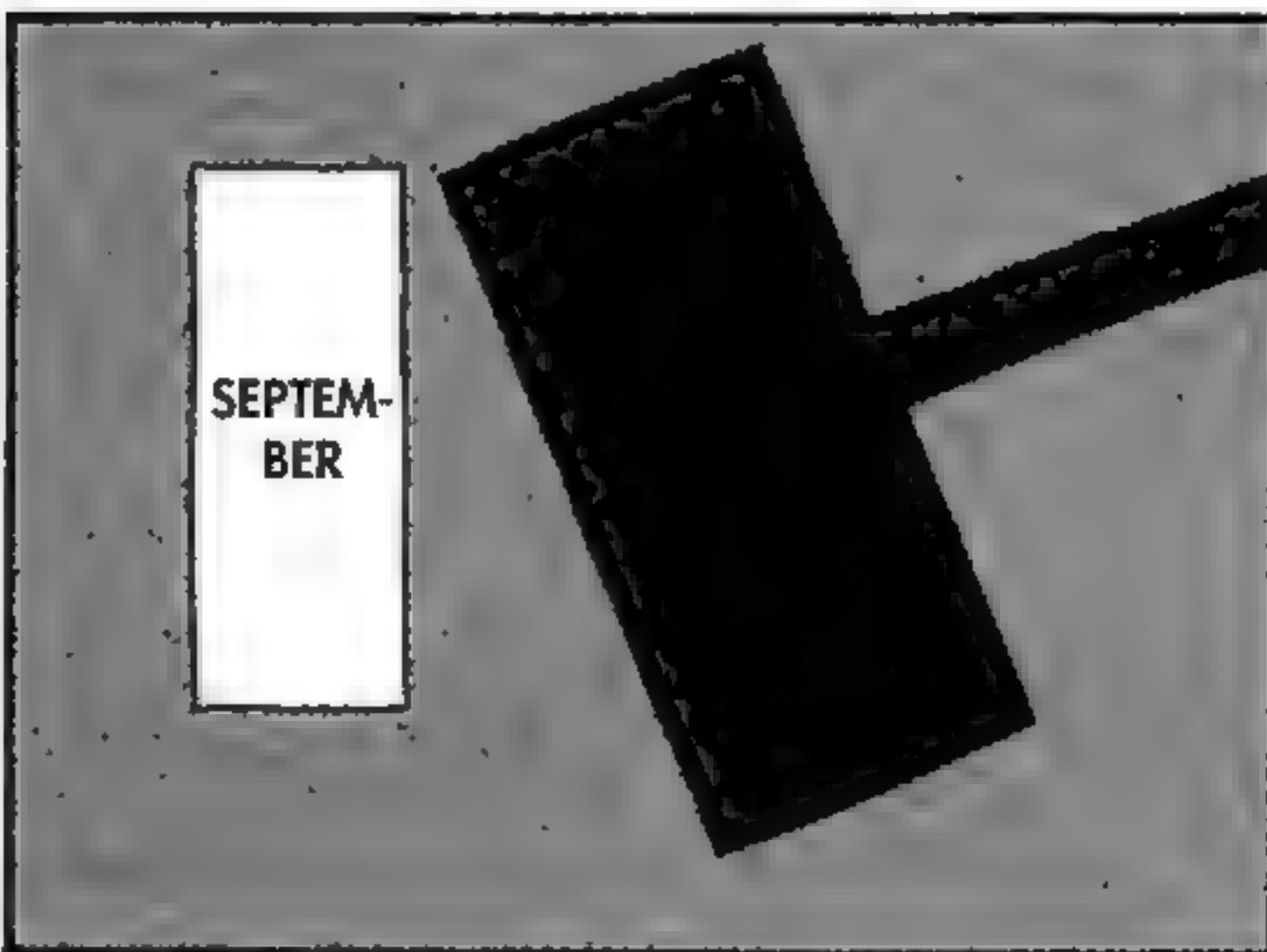
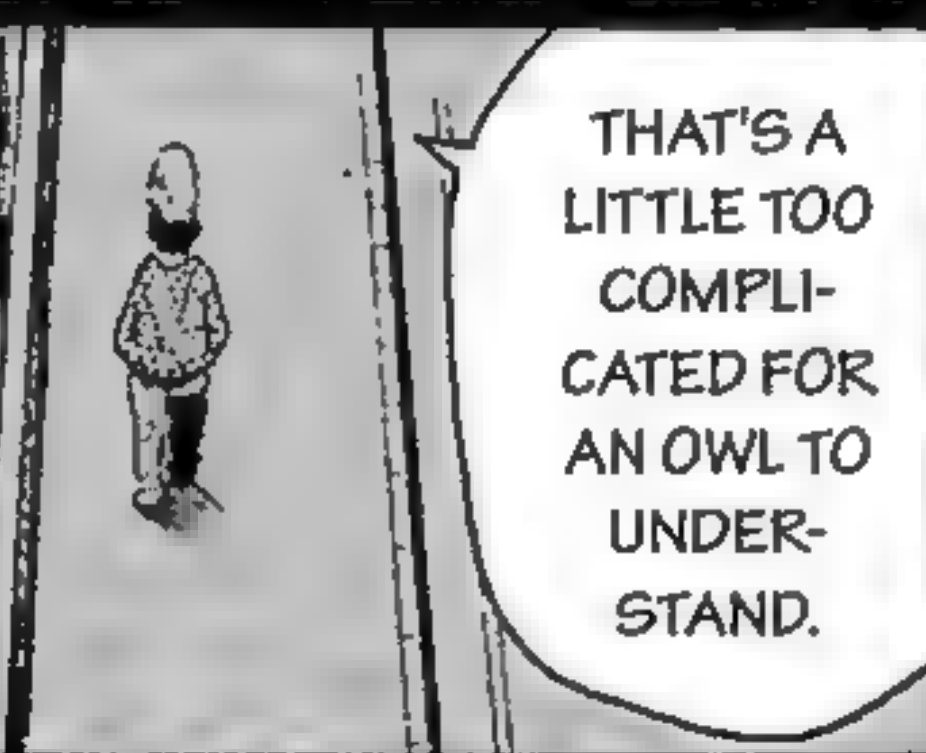
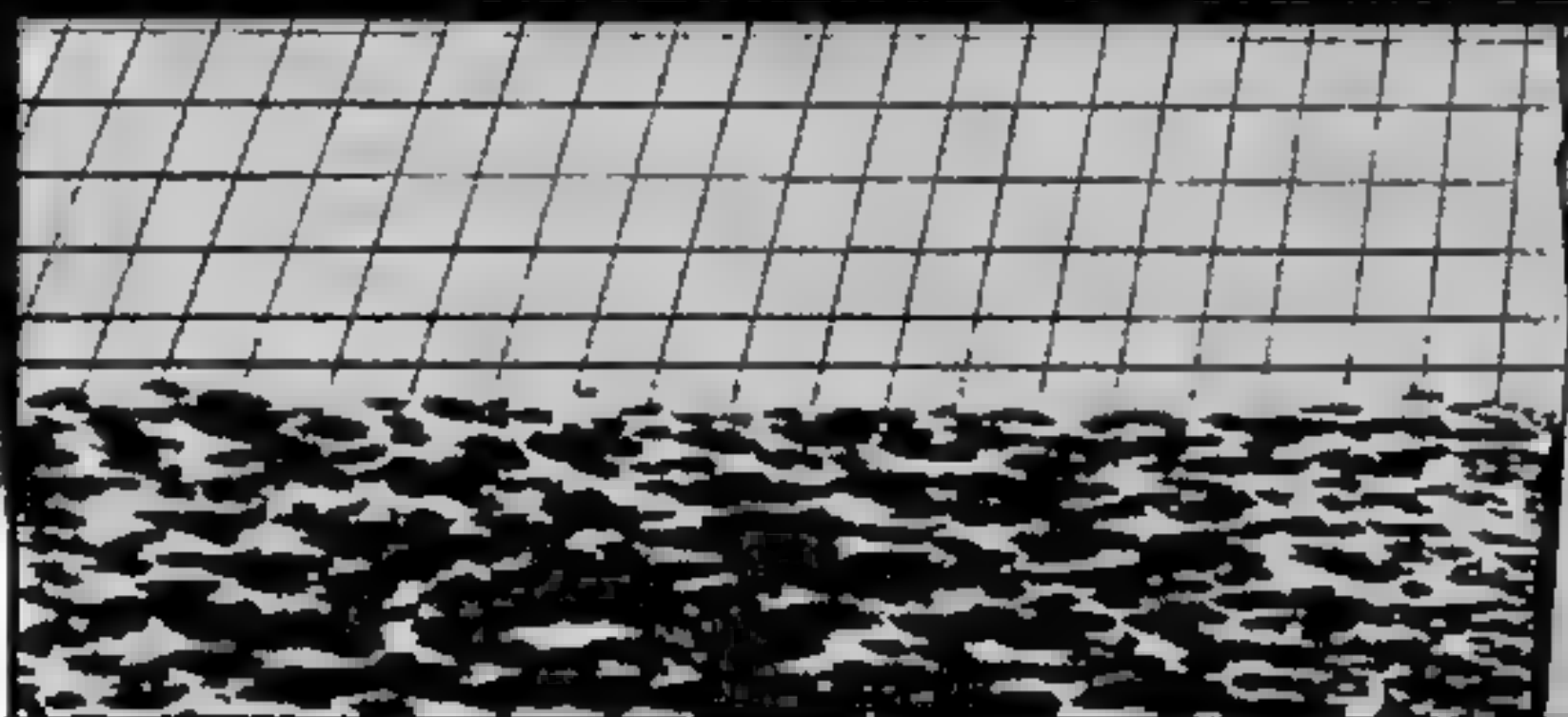
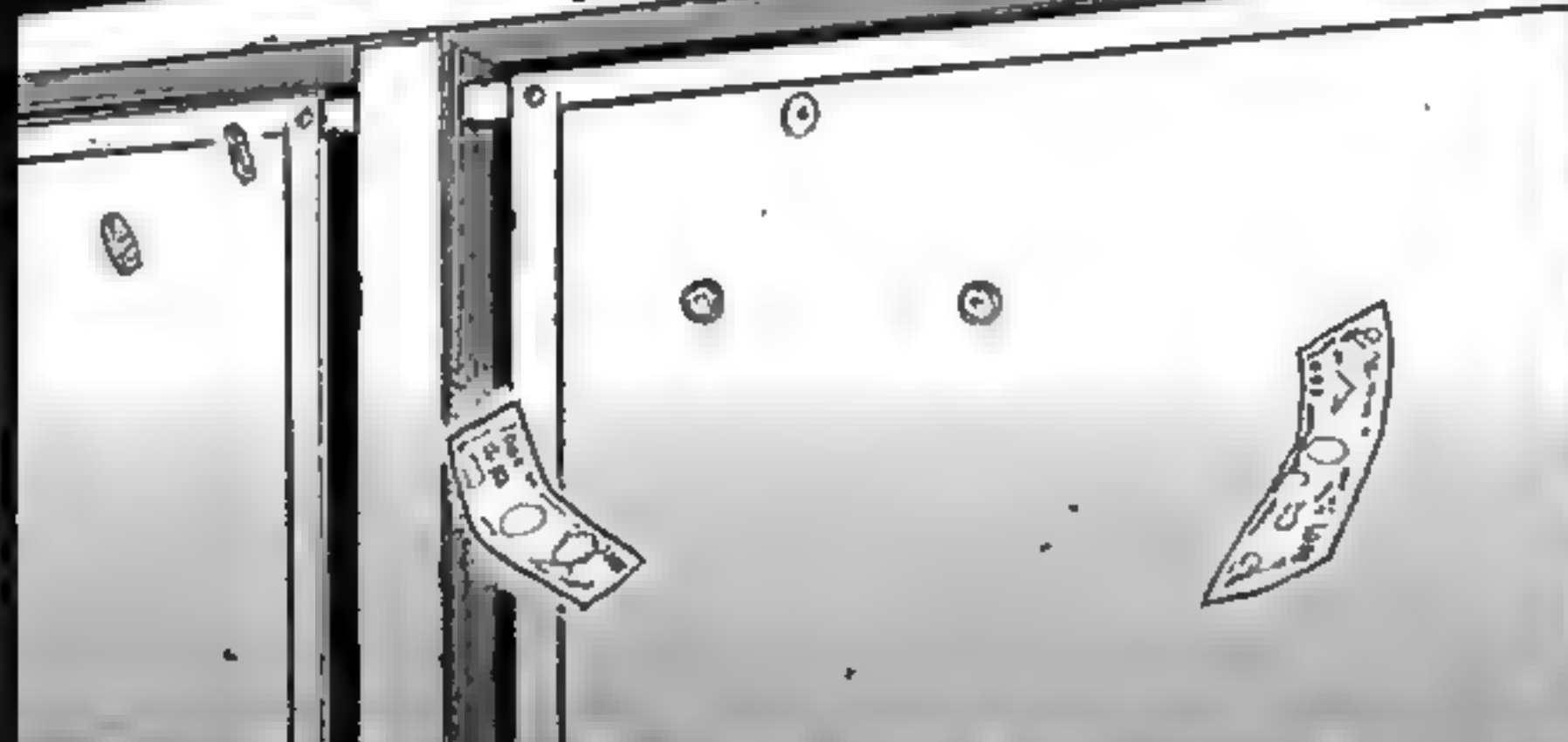
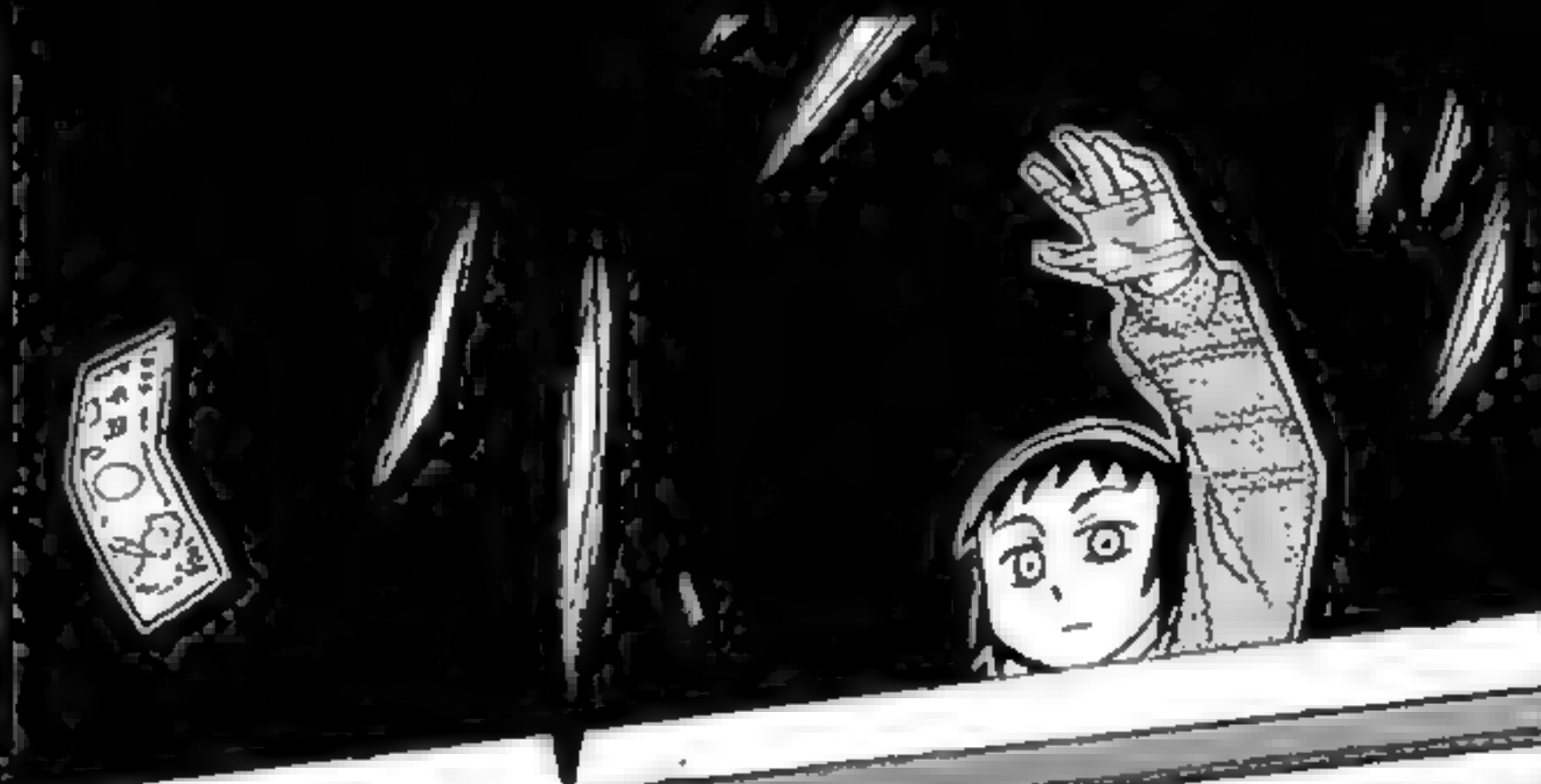
PEEK
カニ
カニ
カニ

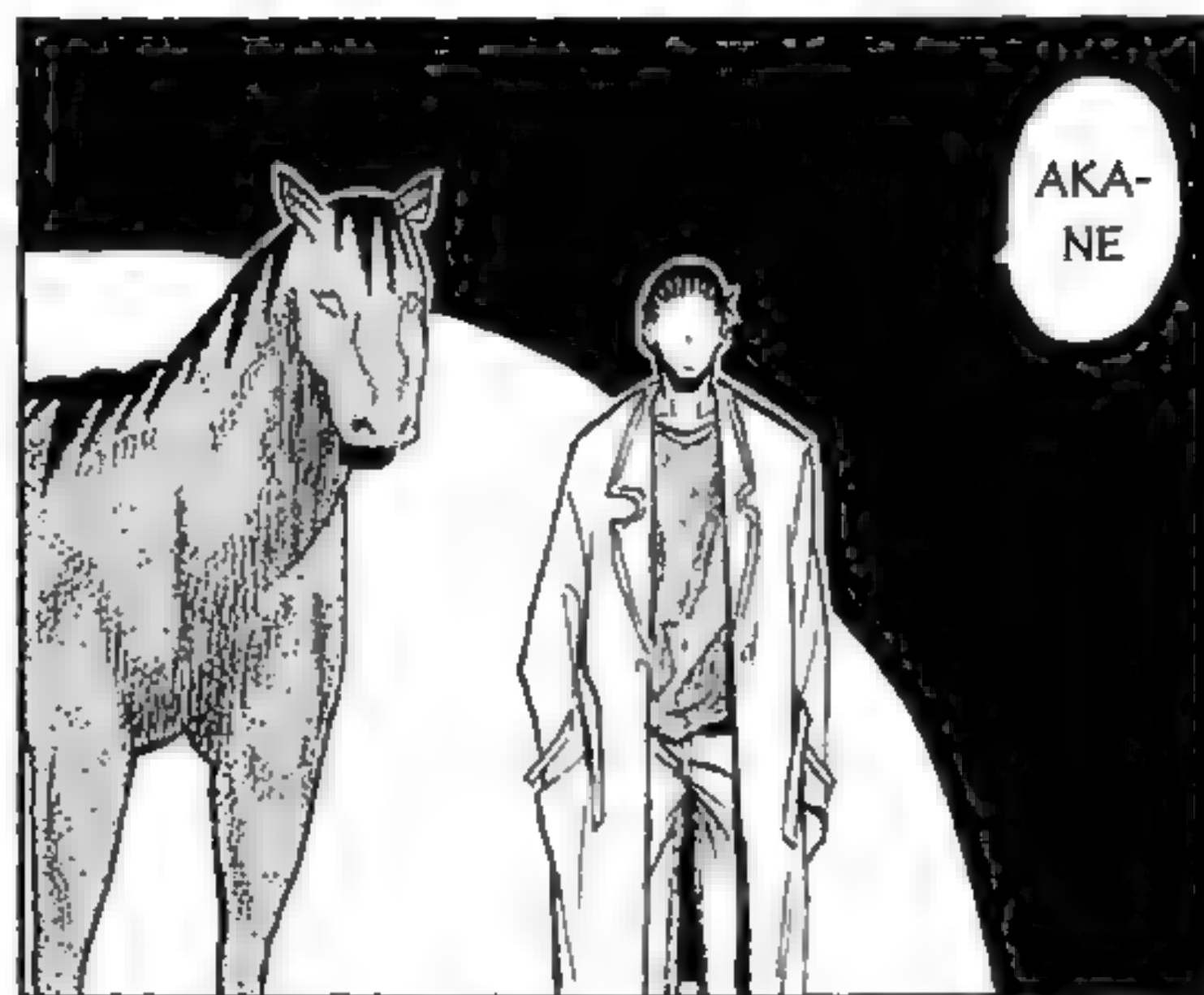


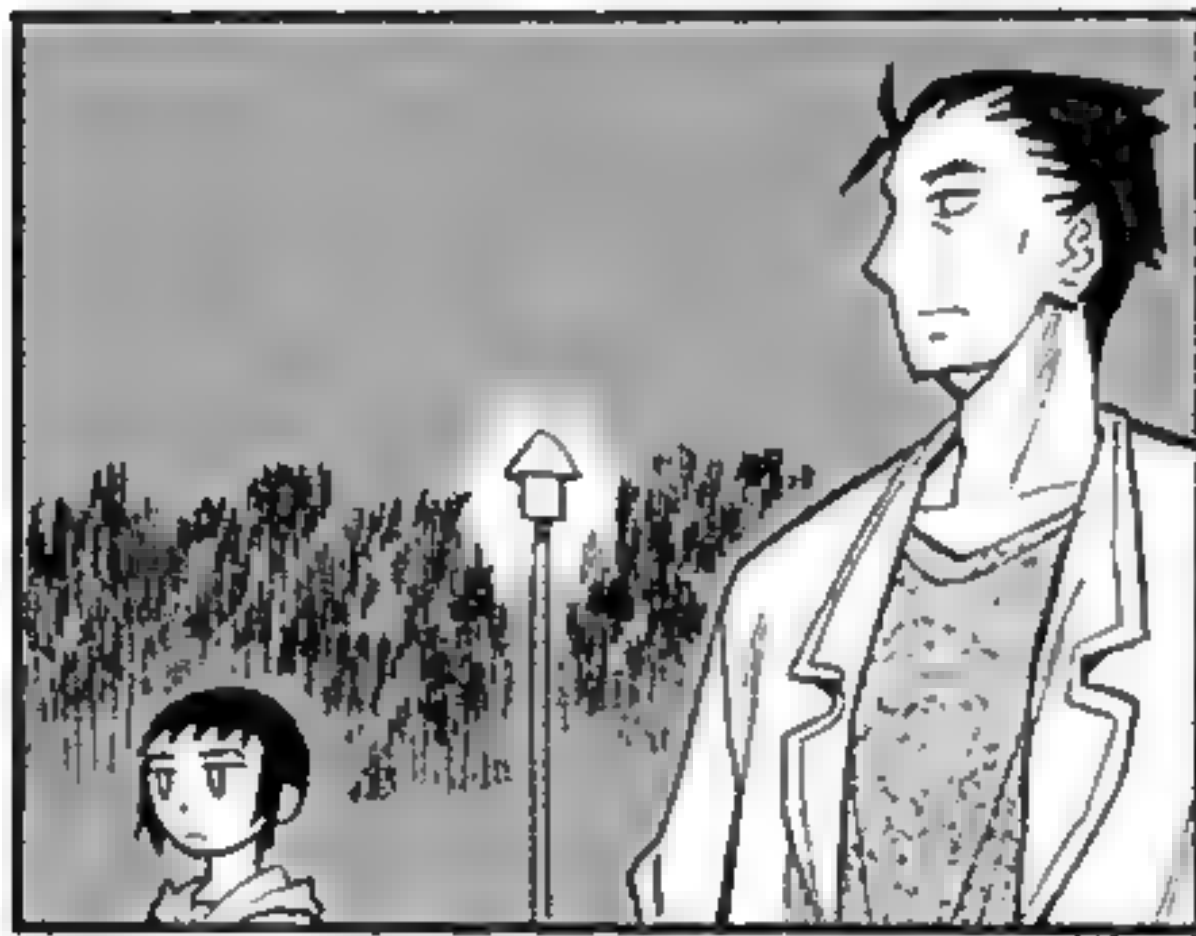
THANK
YOU!

SUEHITO

カニ
カニ
カニ
JINGLE
JINGLE



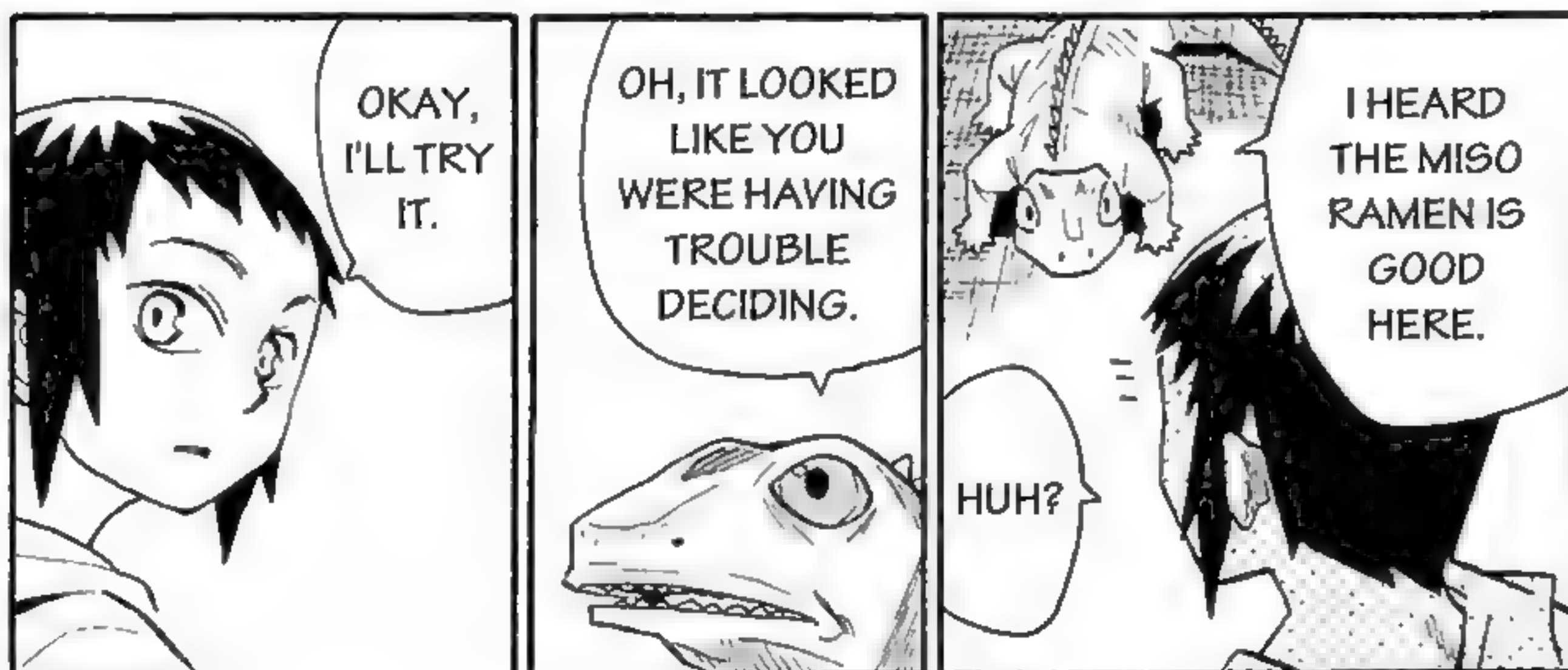




*SIGN: RAMEN KAIYOUKEN, (BANNER) KAIYOUKEN

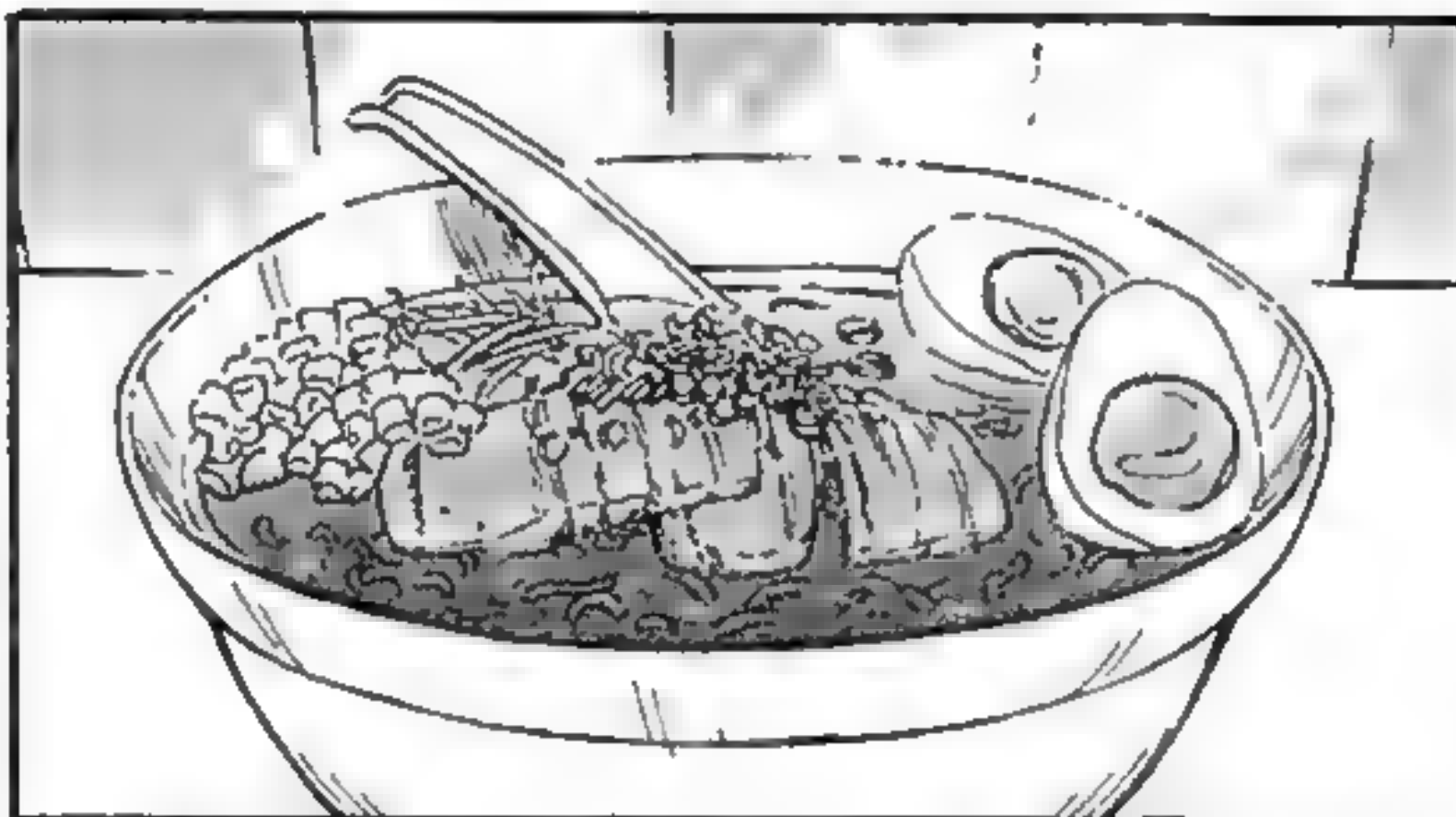








LOOKS
LIKE
REGU-
LAR
RAMEN.



SUMMER BREAK
IS LONGER
FOR COLLEGE
STUDENTS, SO I'M
STILL FREE.

OH,
YES, IT'S
STARTED
UP.

HM?

SINCE IT'S
SEPTEMBER,
ARE YOU TWO
GOING TO
SCHOOL?

THE HOT
PEPPER
IS SUP-
POSED TO
BE GOOD,
TOO!



THEN WE
CAN STILL
HAVE MOCK
BATTLES IN
THE AFTER-
NOON.

PROBABLY
THE COLLEGE
IN THE NEXT
TOWN OVER.

SHIMAKI
GOES TO
COLLEGE,
TOO. HE
MUST BE ON
VACATION.

MAN,
THEY'RE
NOISY.

SLURP



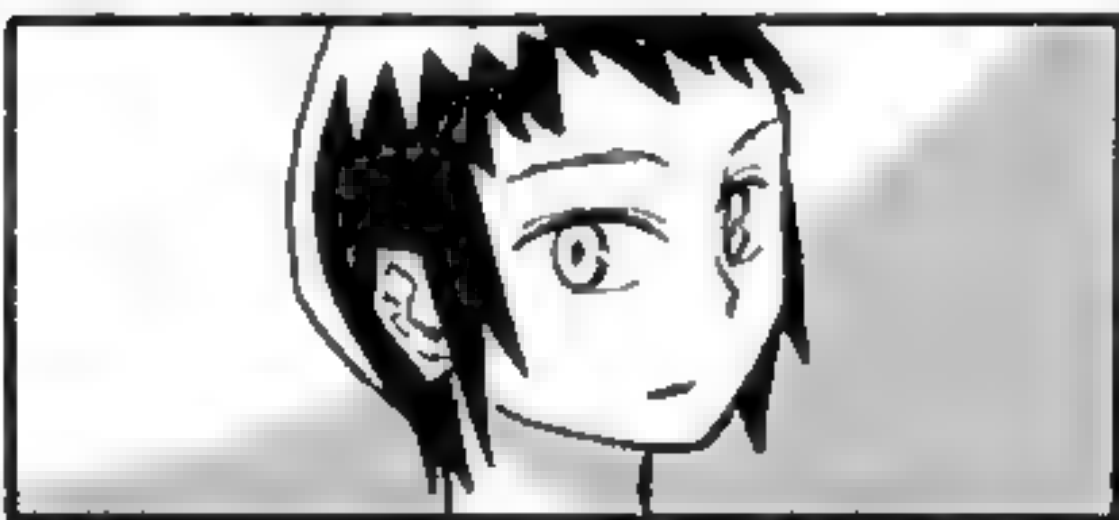
NEU, LET
HIM EAT IT
HOWEVER
HE LIKES.

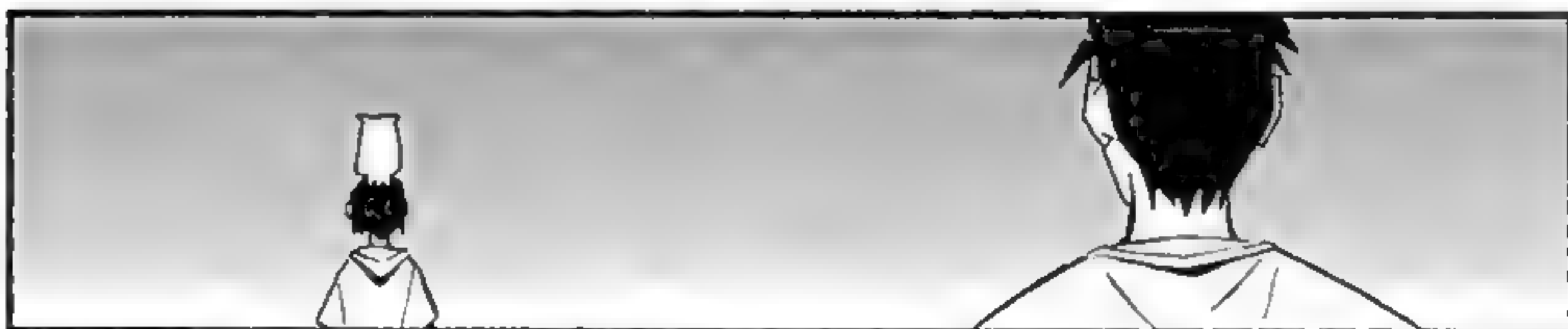
HOT
PEP-
PER...

I GUESS I'M
BASICALLY
ON SUMMER
BREAK, TOO!

AH!

I'M JUST
TRYING
TO HELP.





I'M BOR-
ROWING
YOUR GAME
PLAYER.

HEY,
MAN!



BUT I'M TRYING
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT WITH
THIS NEXT ONE.

IT'S
ALMOST
READY.

BINGO!

THIS
IS THE
NINTH
GOLEM?

I NEED TO
LIVEN UP
THE
PARTY,
RIGHT?

ANIMA AND
THE OTHER
BEAST
KNIGHTS
HAVE ALL
APPEARED.

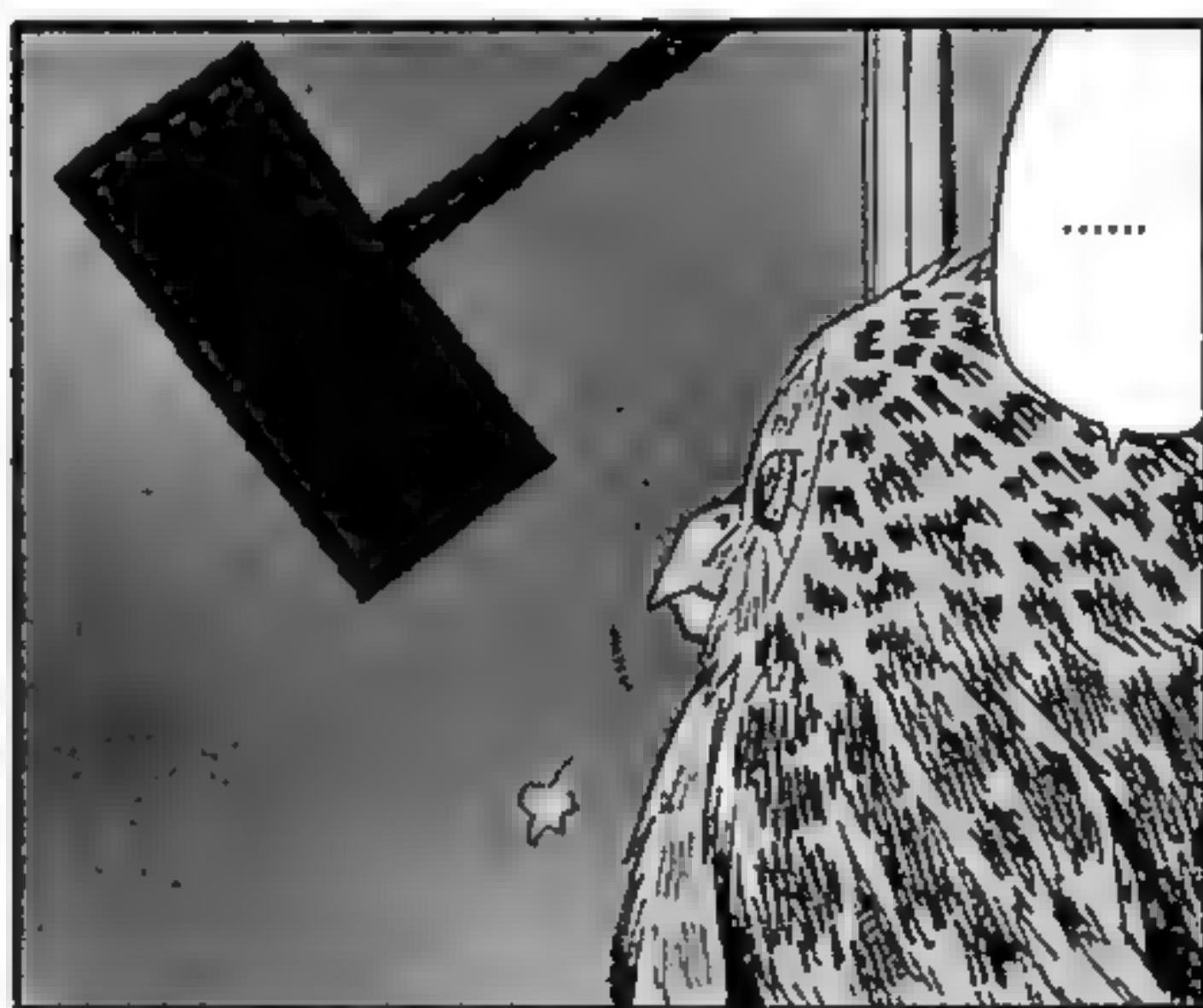
THE
BATTLE'S
MORE THAN
HALF OVER.

WANNA
SHOOT THE
BREEZE?

THIS GAME
IS BORING.

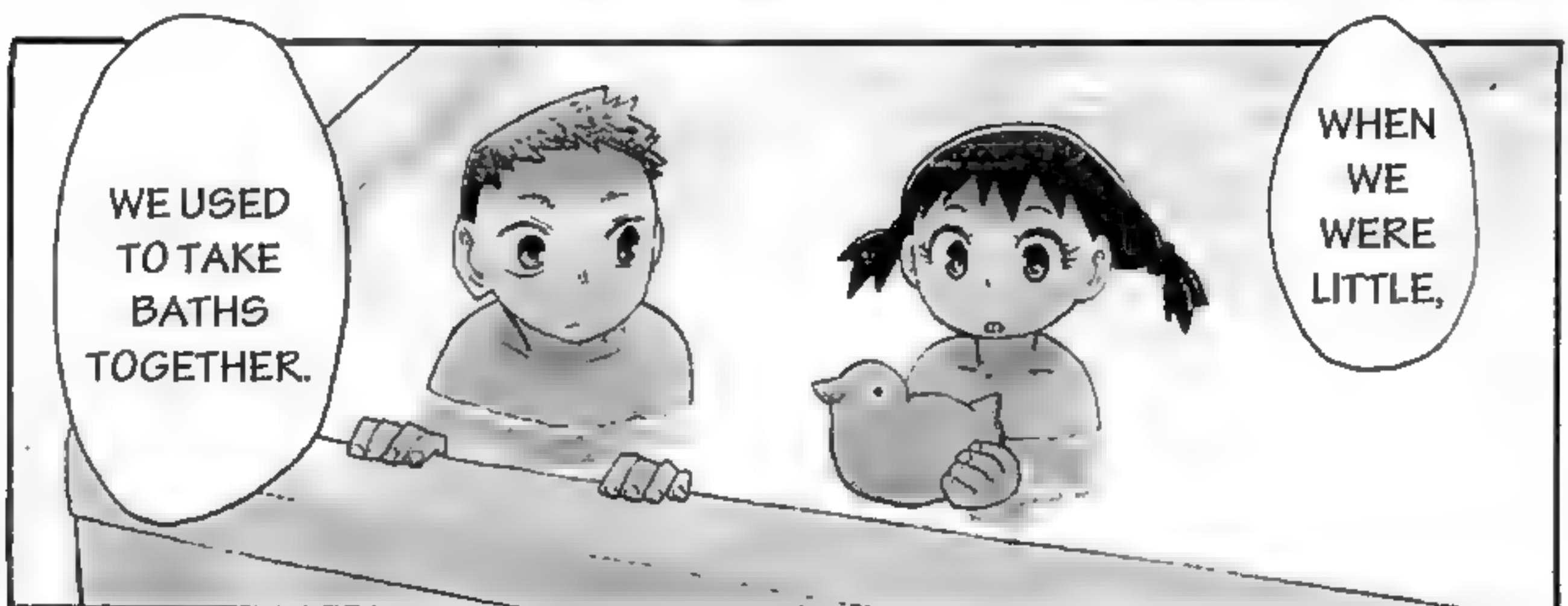
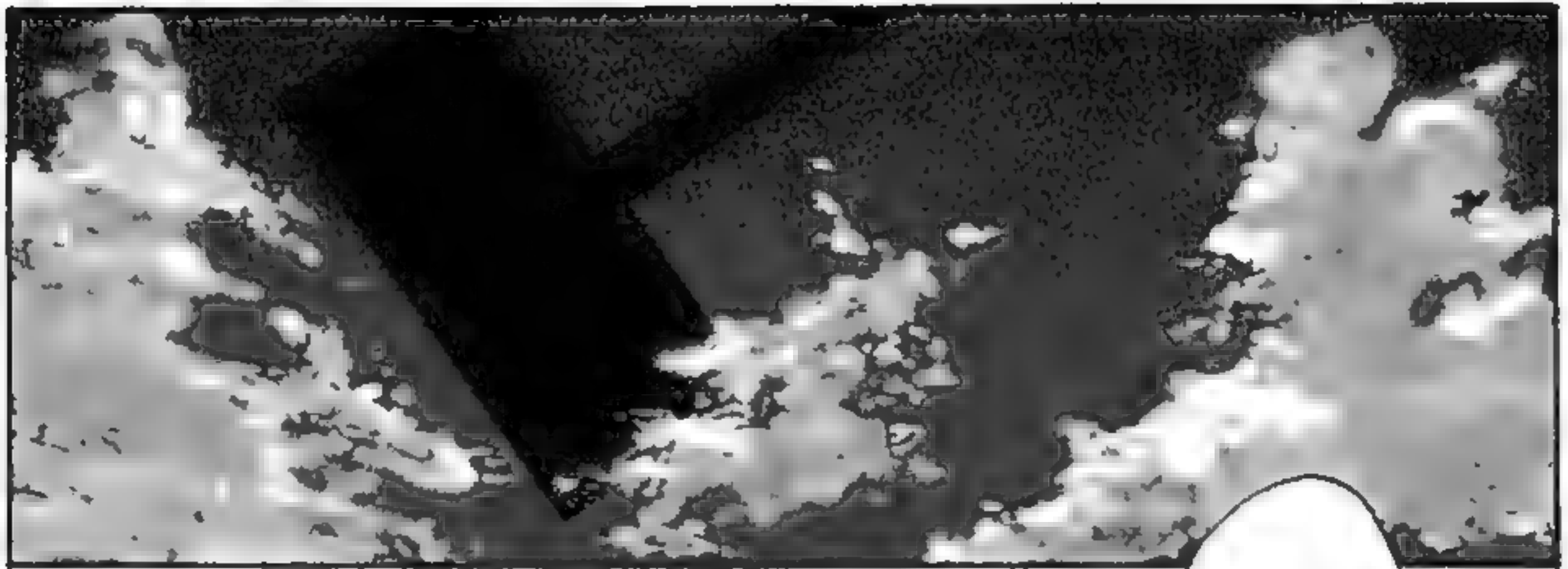
HM?

WHAT KIND
OF FOOD DO
YOU LIKE,
AKANE-KUN?



The Lucifer and Biscuit Hammer







WHY ARE
YOU CHANGING
WITH YOUR
CURTAINS
OPEN IN THE
FIRST PLACE?!



WHY IS IT THAT,
NOW, I HIT YOU IF
YOU SEE ME
CHANGING?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
ROMANTIC
COMEDY?!



MY, MY.
YOU TWO ARE
STARTING
THE MORNING
LIKE A
CLASSIC
ROMANTIC
COMEDY
COUPLE.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
OOPS?!

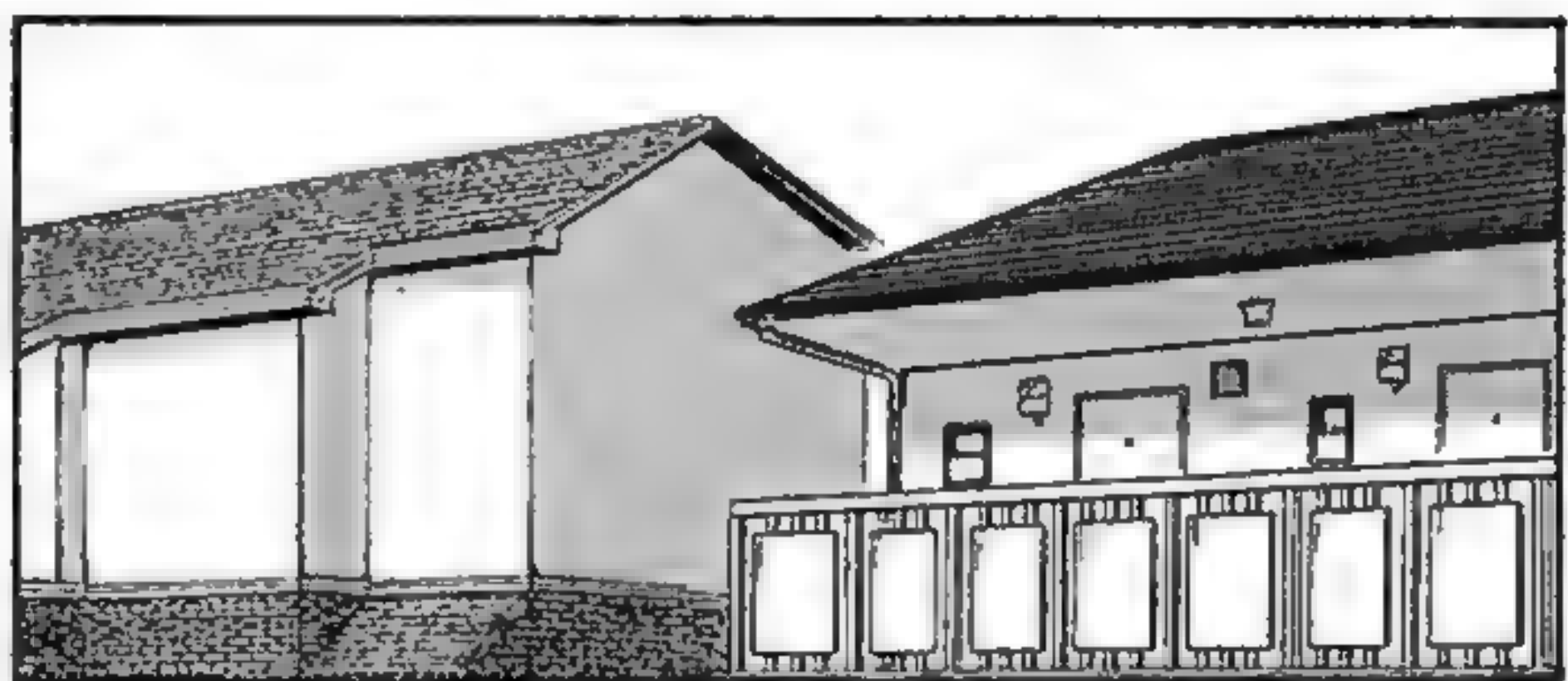
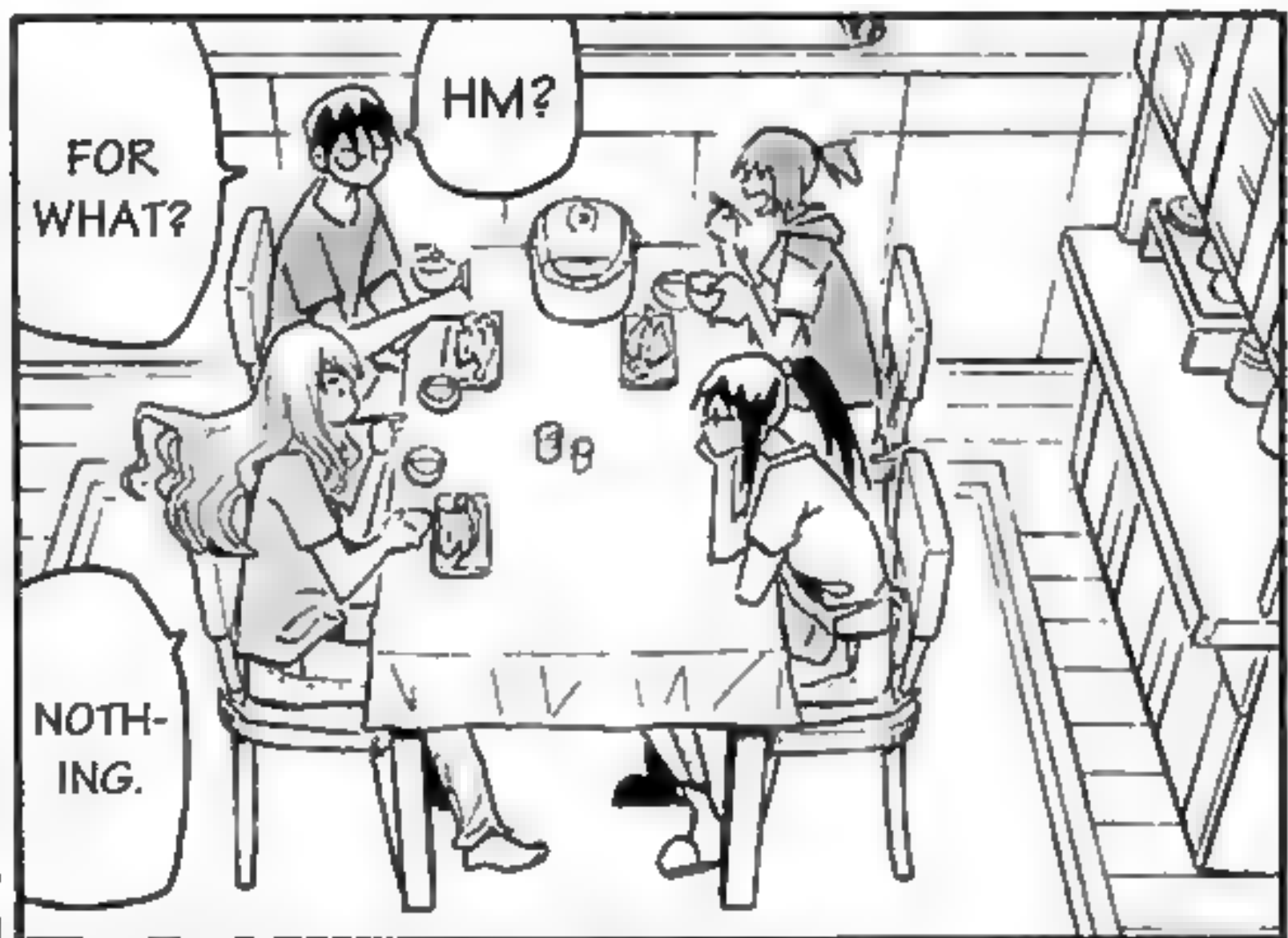


OOPS.





CHAPTER 37: HERO, KUSAKABE TAROU





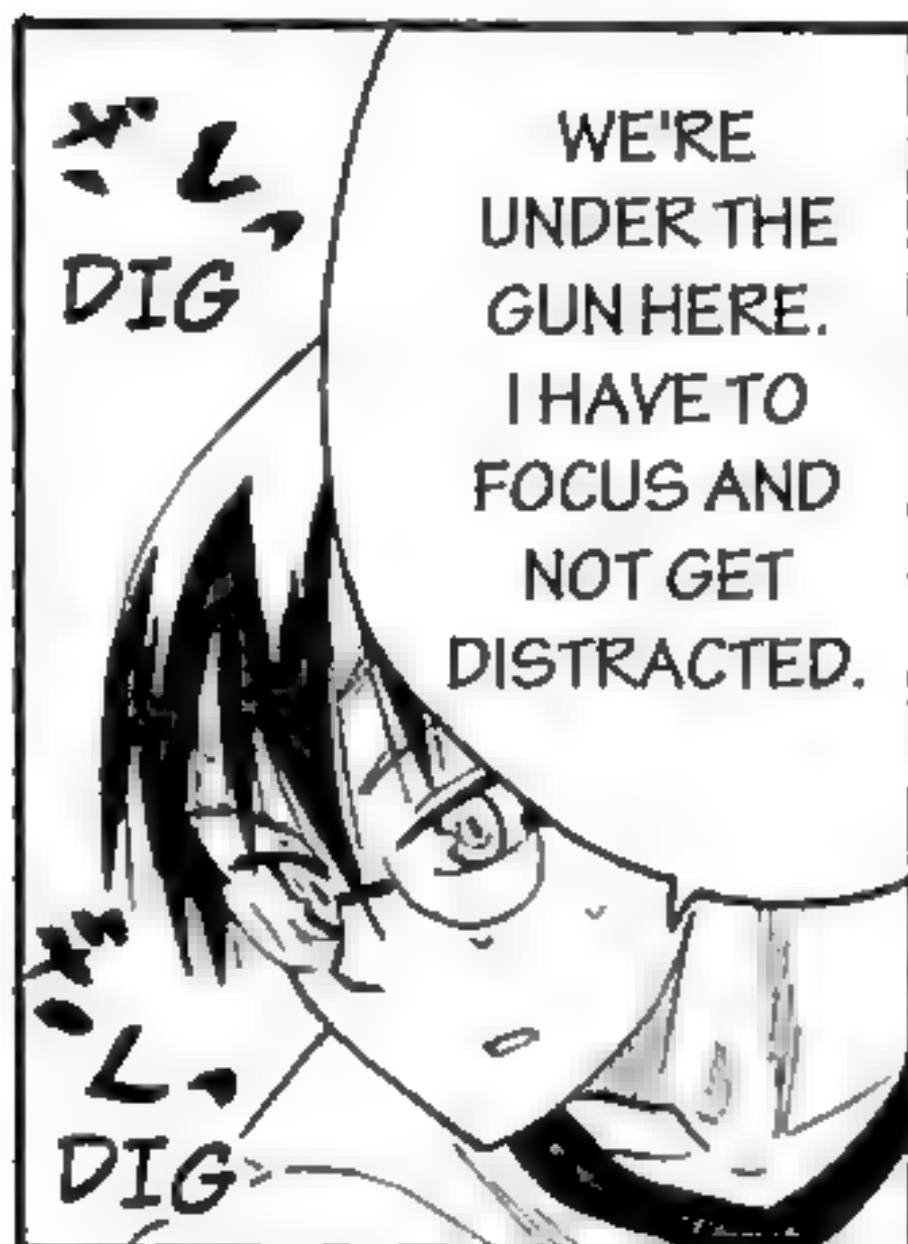
WE'RE OFF!

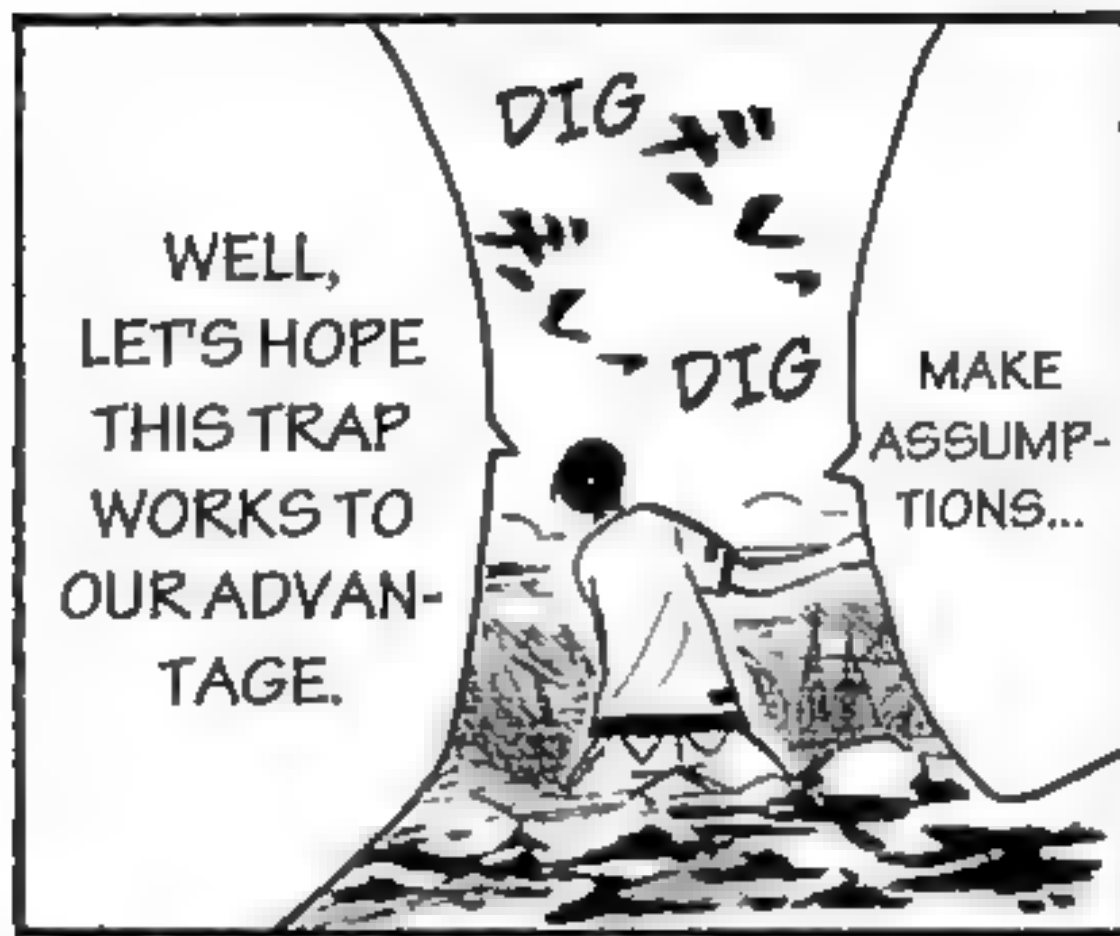


HMM, THE TEACHER MAY HAVE SOME BASIC ABILITY, OR MAYBE SOME OTHER SPECIAL POWER...



IF ANIMA'S GOING TO SCHOOL, THAT MUST MEAN THAT NORMAL PEOPLE CAN SEE HER.

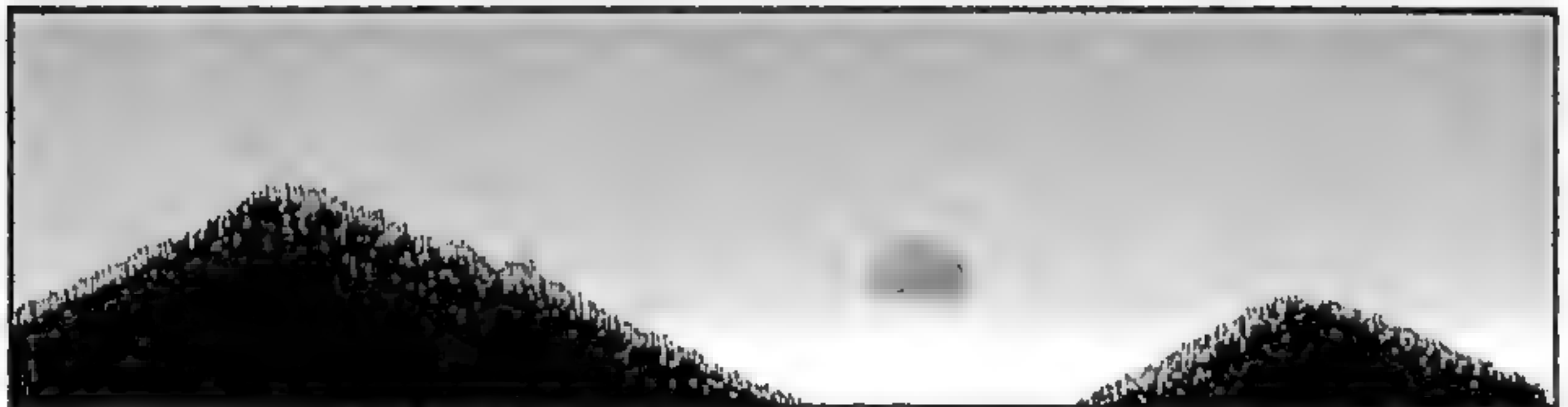


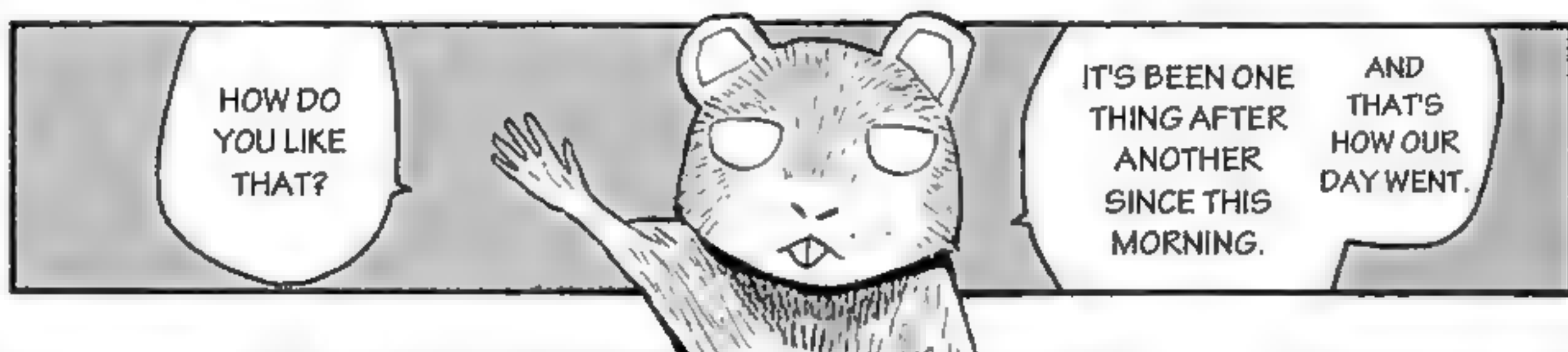
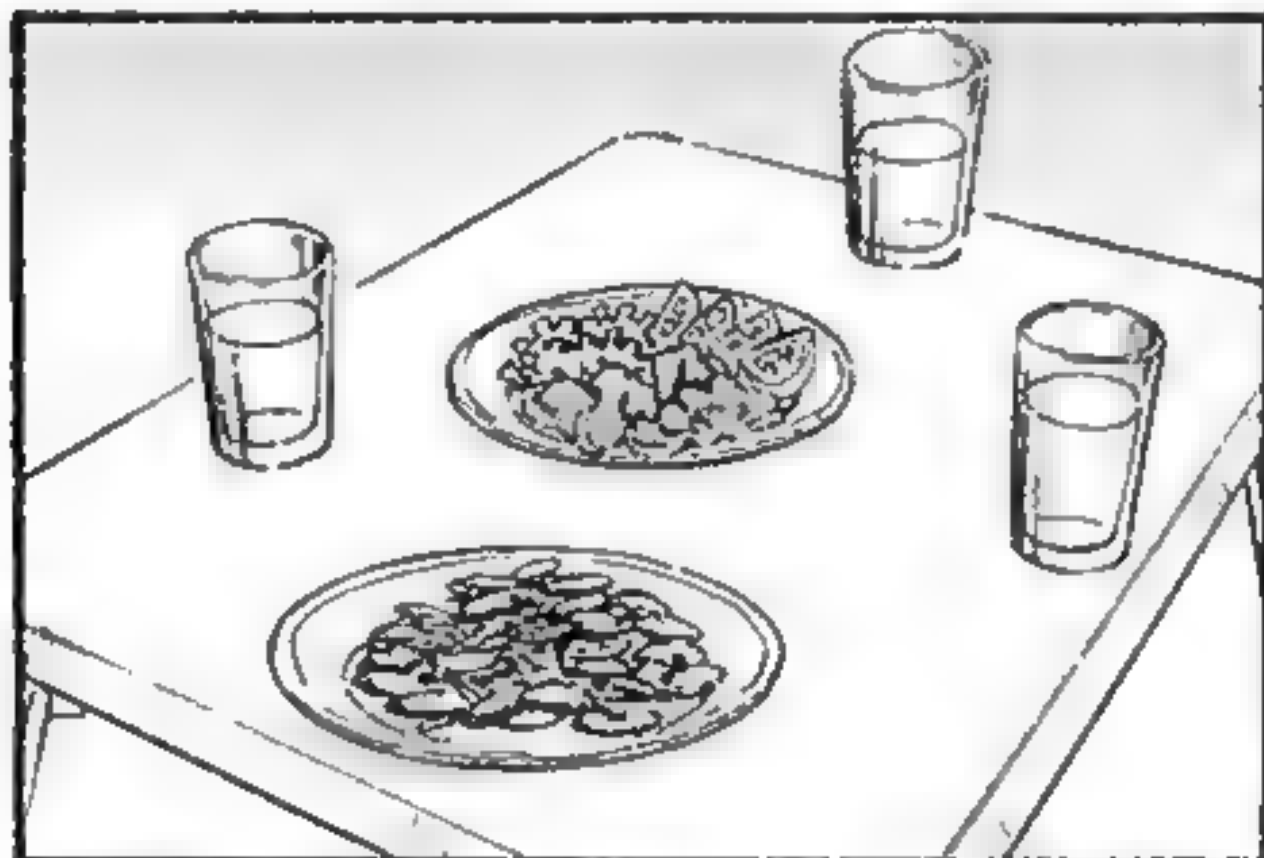


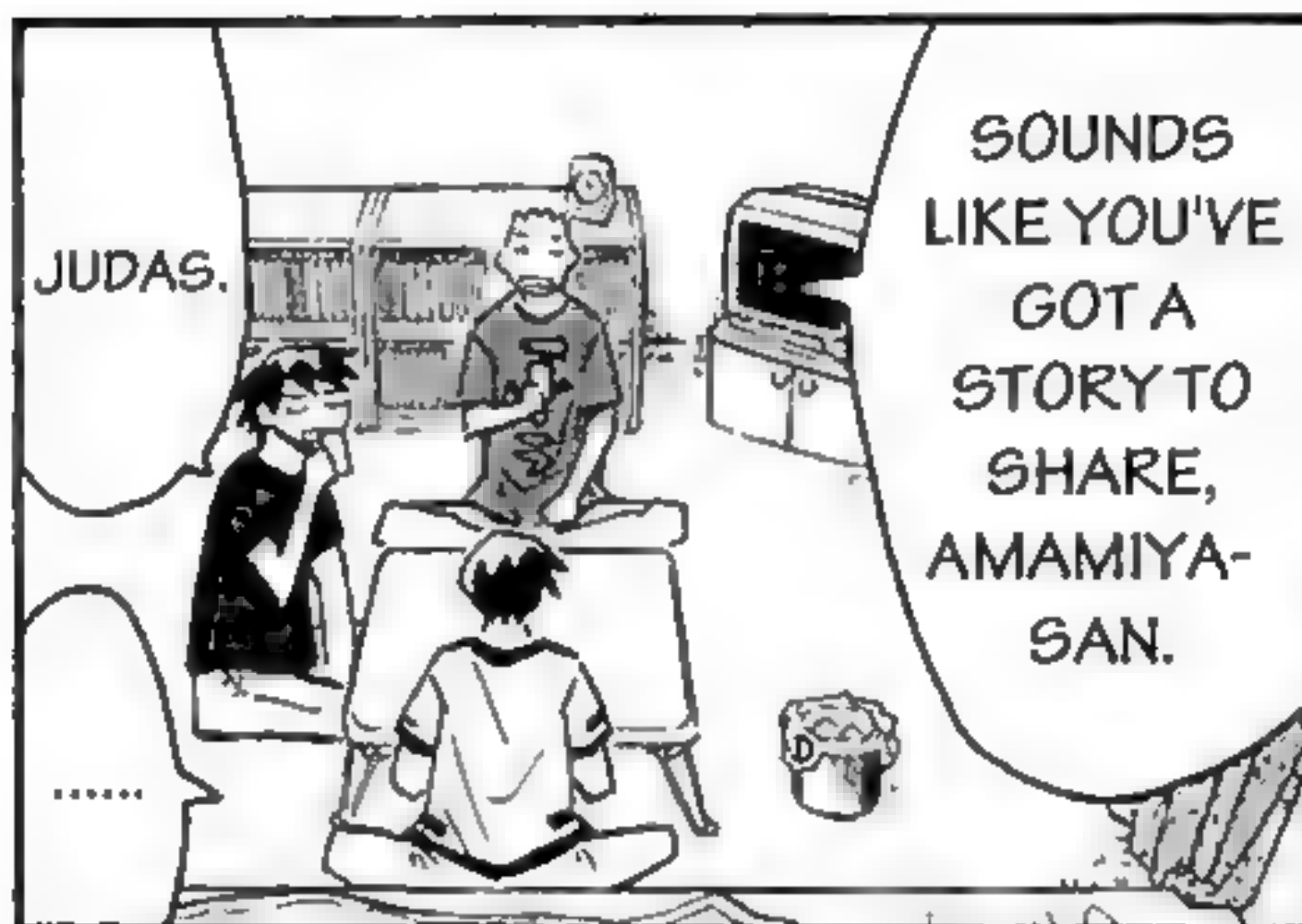
MAKE ASSUMPTIONS...

WE CAN MAKE ASSUMPTIONS, BUT WE NEED TO BE PREPARED NEVERTHELESS.

I WOULD NOT EXPECT ANYONE EXCEPT THE KNIGHTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE BATTLE.







*SHIRT: RIBCAGE





*SHIRT: BACKBONE









JUST
FINE.

I'M EN-
JOYING
BEING
YOUNG



IT'LL BE
FUN!

NOT
INTERESTED?
WE'RE
YOUNG,
RIGHT?



I THINK
SHE'S
PRETTY
SATISFIED
AS SHE IS.

SHE HAD A
PERFECTLY
HEALTHY
EXPRES-
SION.



SATIS-
FIED AS
SHE IS,
EH...



I'M
NOT SO
SURE.

SHE'S PROB-
ABLY HAVING
ENOUGH FUN
TO GIVE HER-
SELF HEART-
BURN.

YOU SAW
HER FACE,
RIGHT?

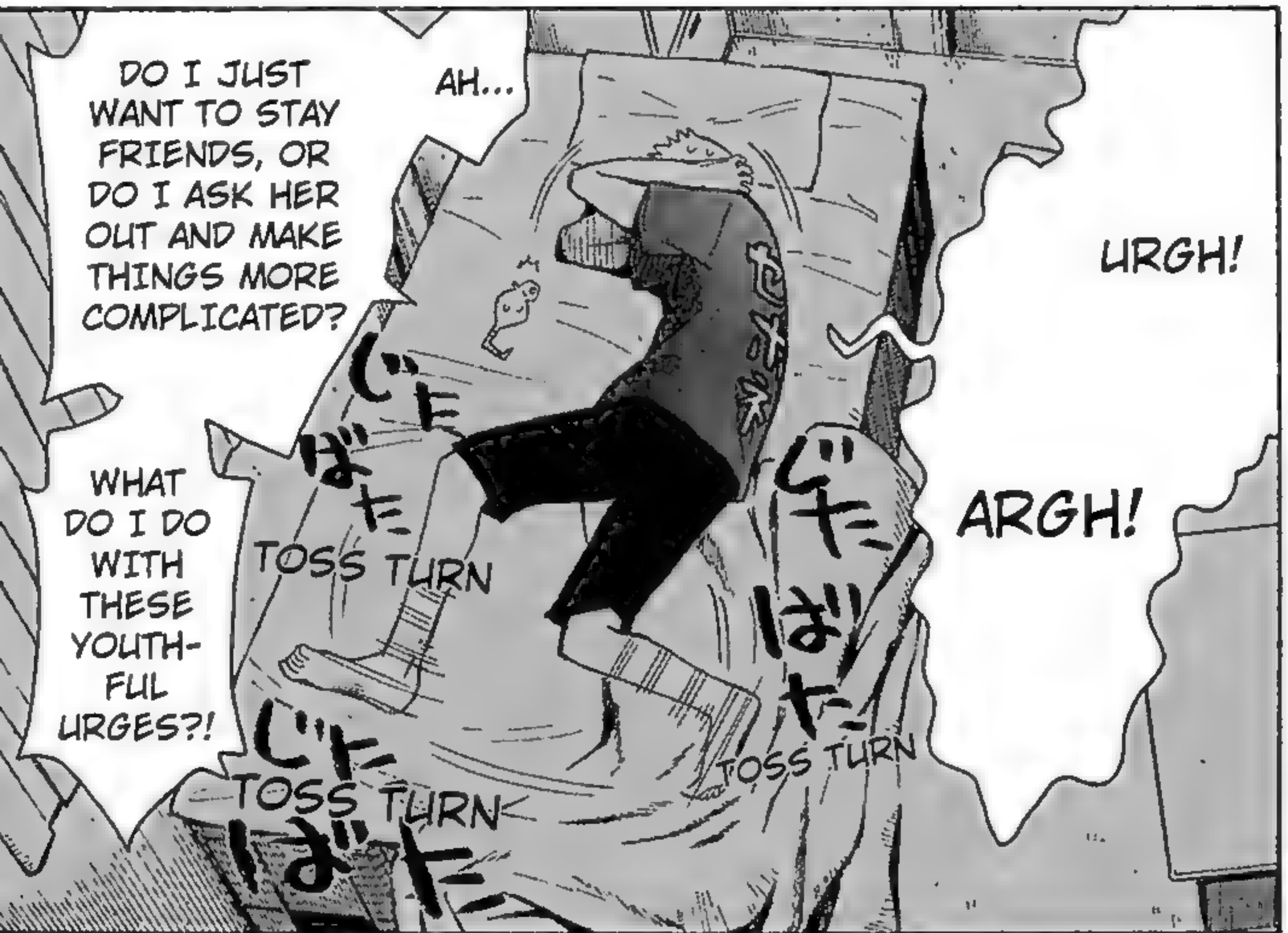


UGH...

UH...



.....



DO I JUST WANT TO STAY FRIENDS, OR DO I ASK HER OUT AND MAKE THINGS MORE COMPLICATED?

AH...

URGH!

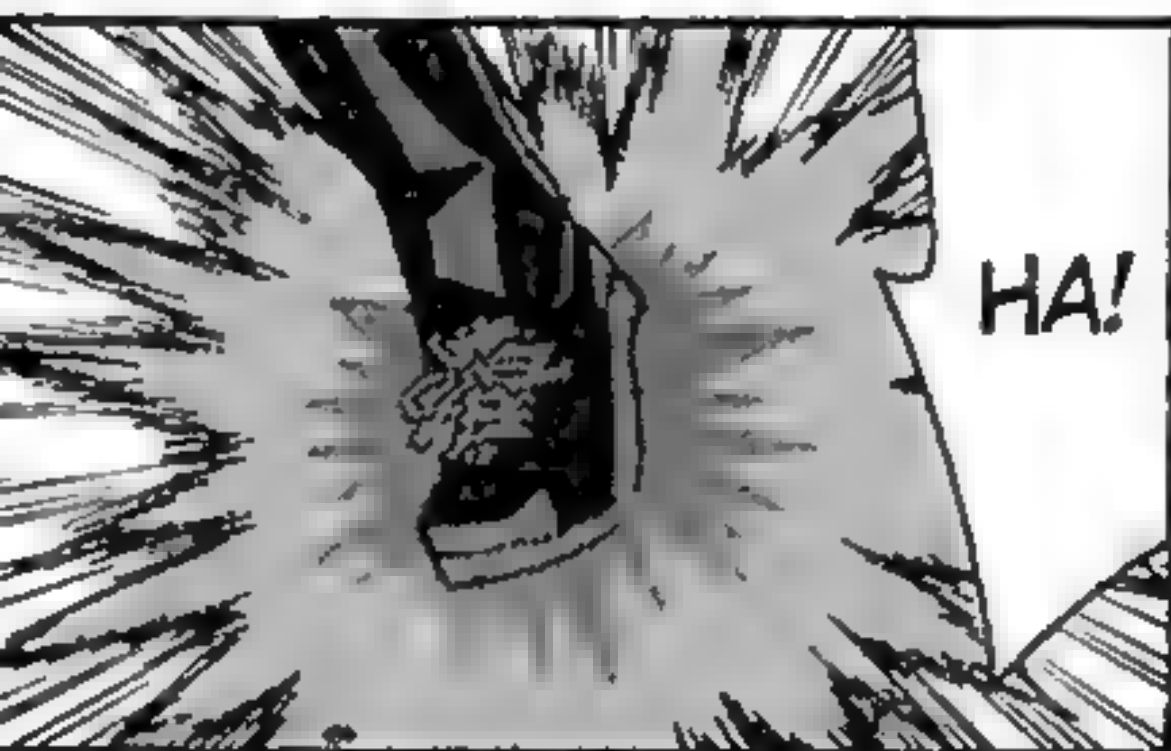
WHAT DO I DO WITH THESE YOUTHFUL URGES?!

TOSS TURN

ARGH!

TOSS TURN

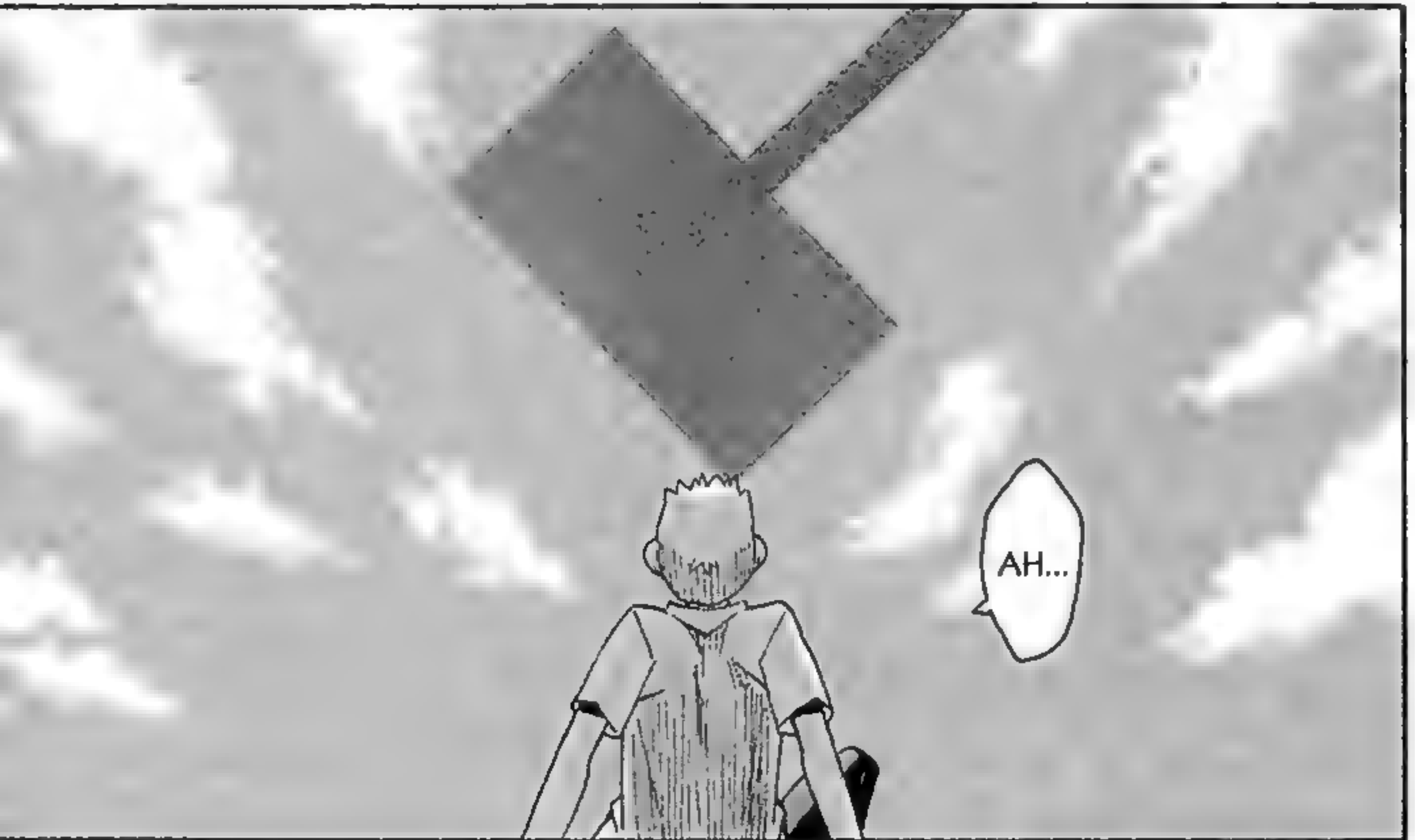
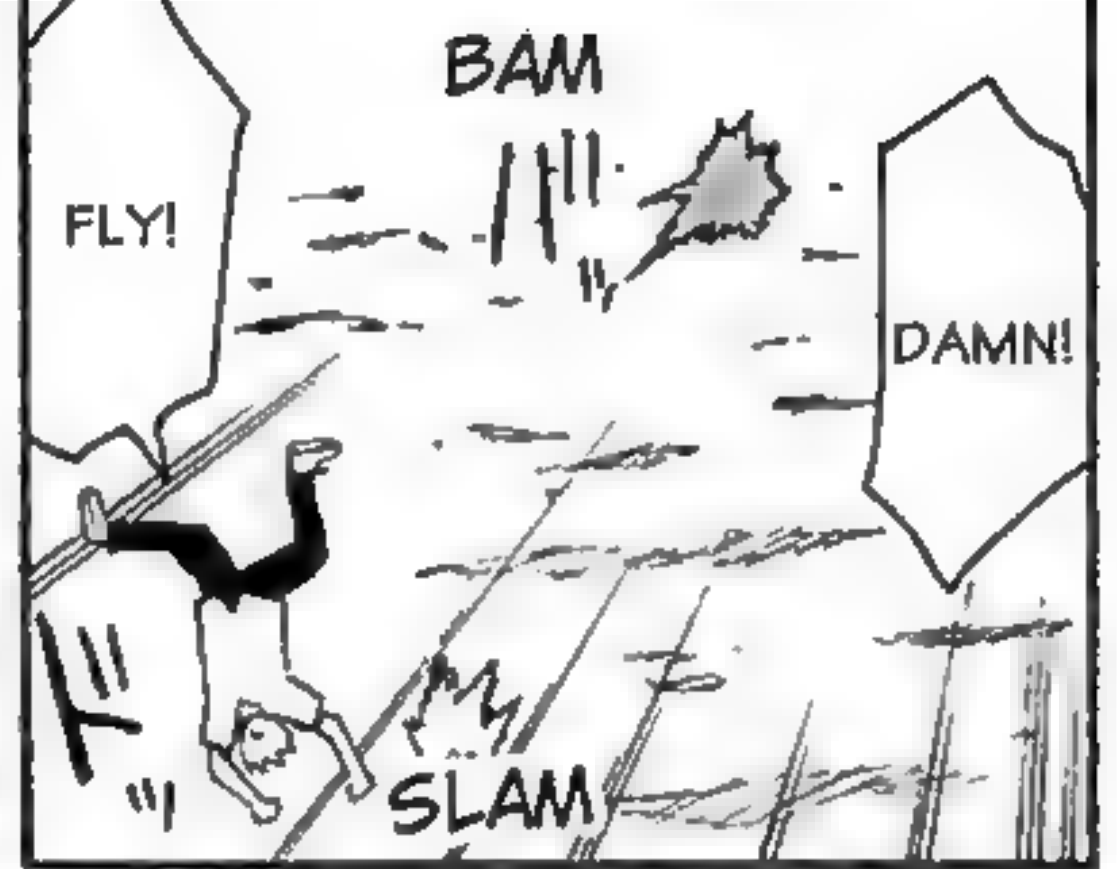
TOSS TURN

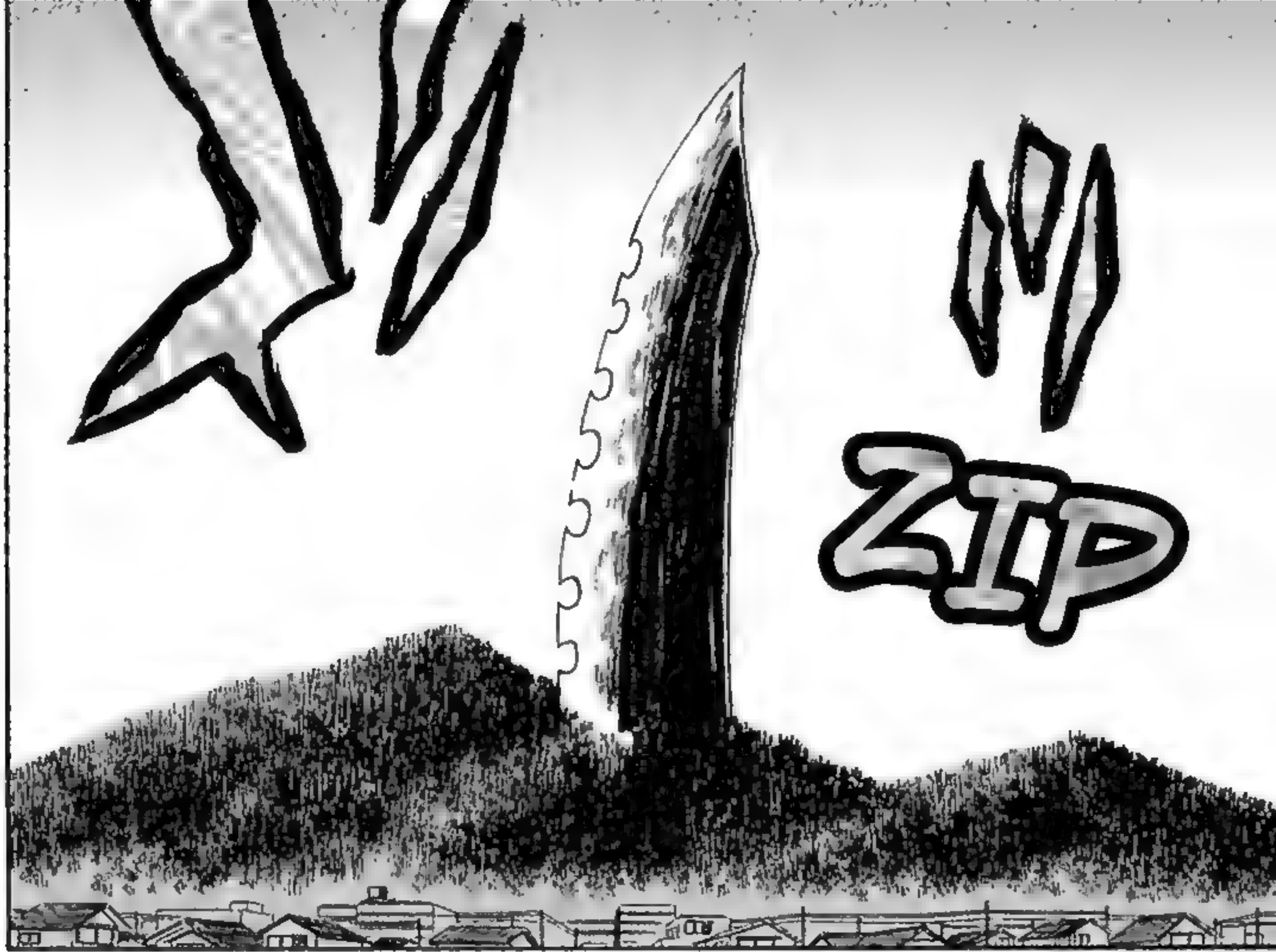


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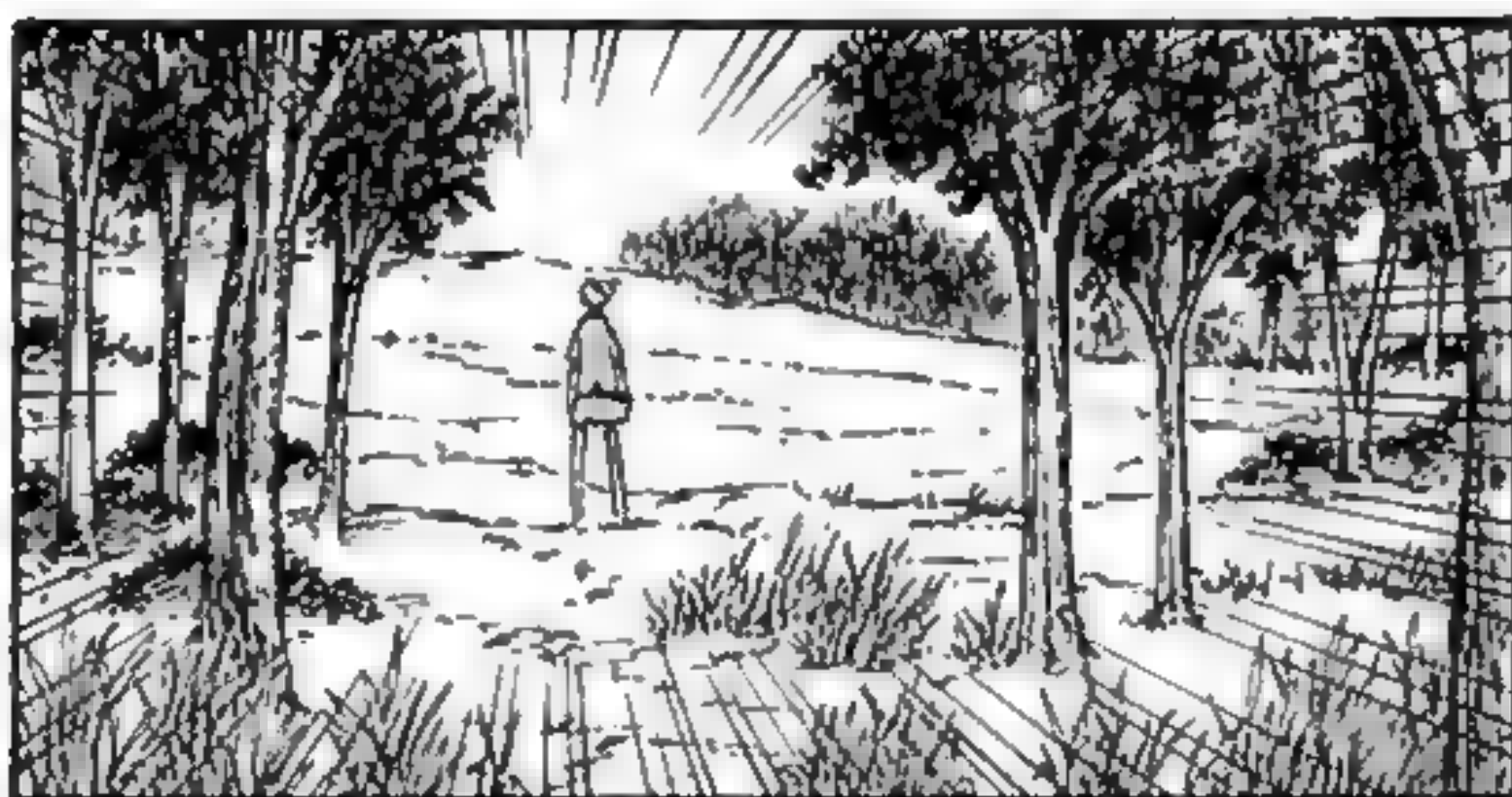








I TRUST
YOU ARE
ALL SUR-
PRISED.



WHAT?!

!!

YOU'RE
STILL NOT
AT FULL
STRENGTH.

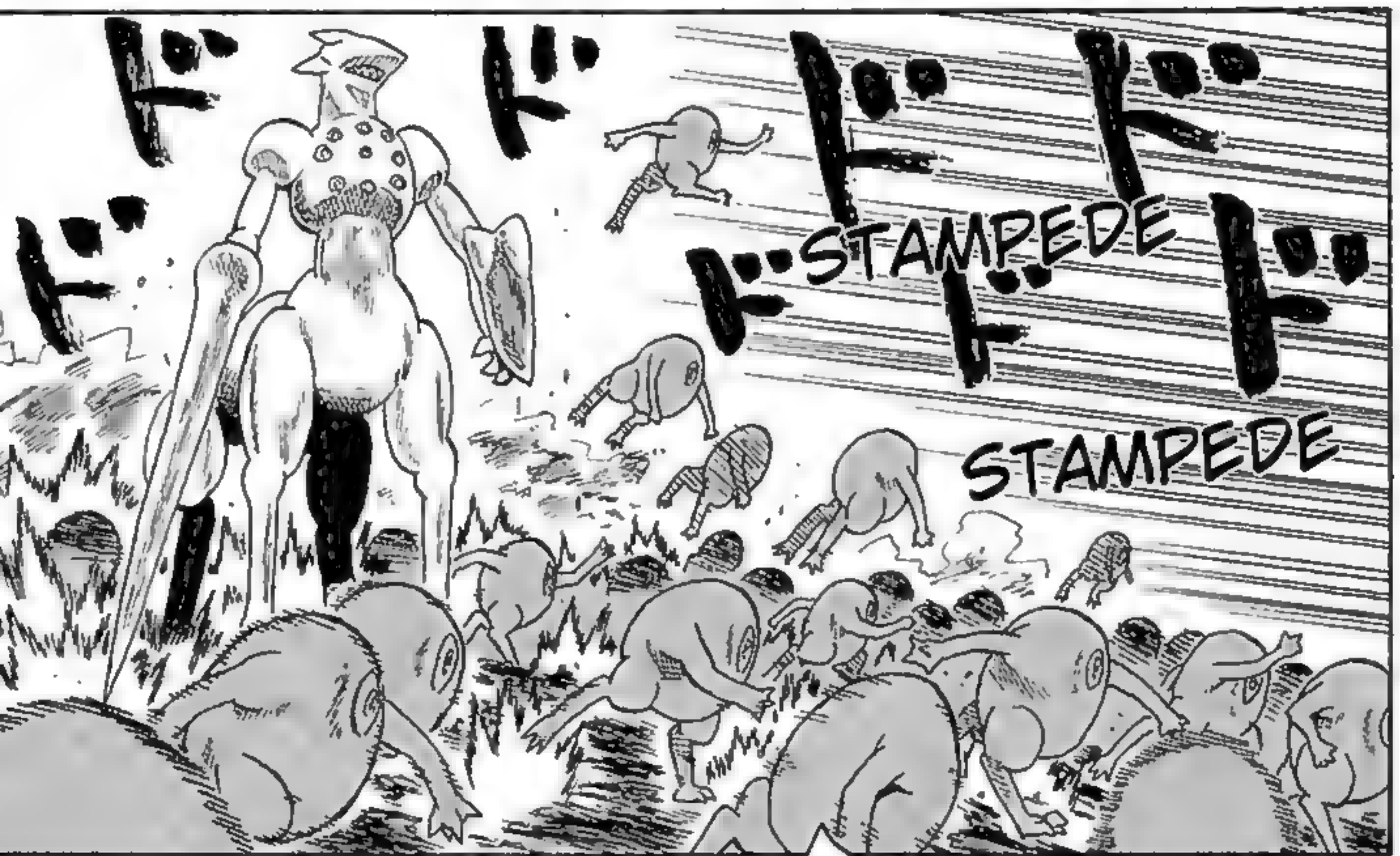
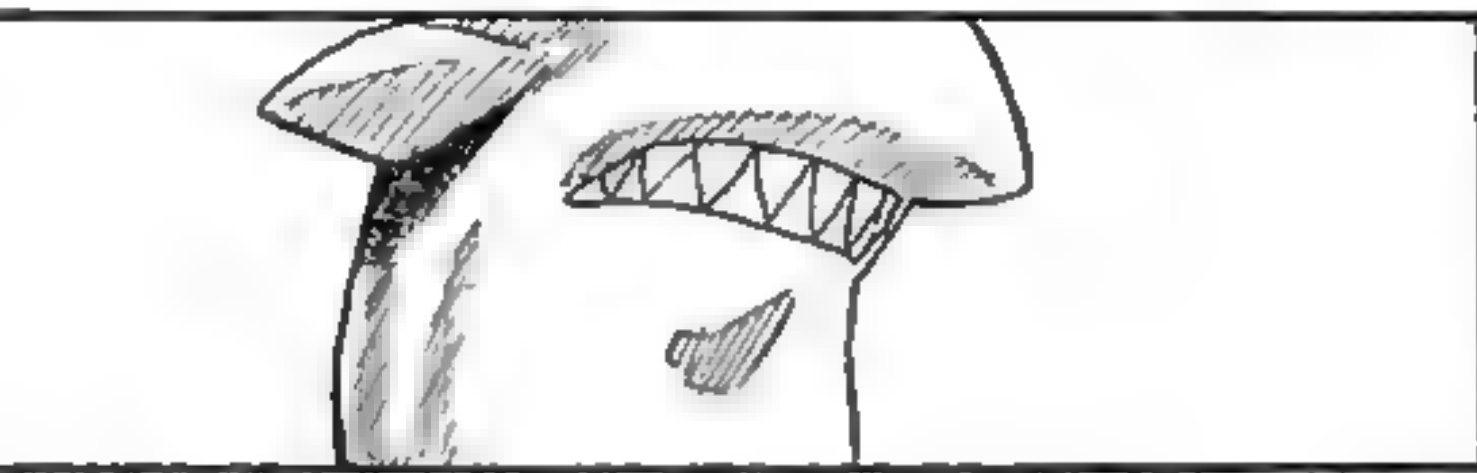
ARE
YOU
OKAY?

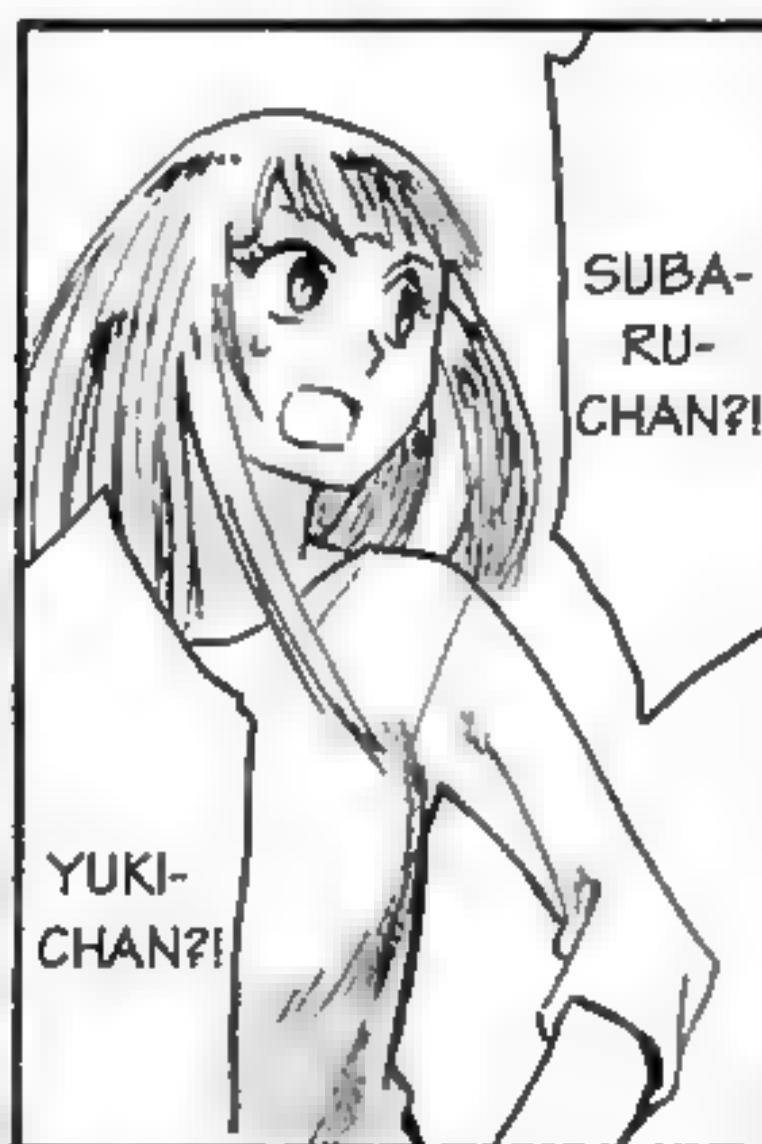
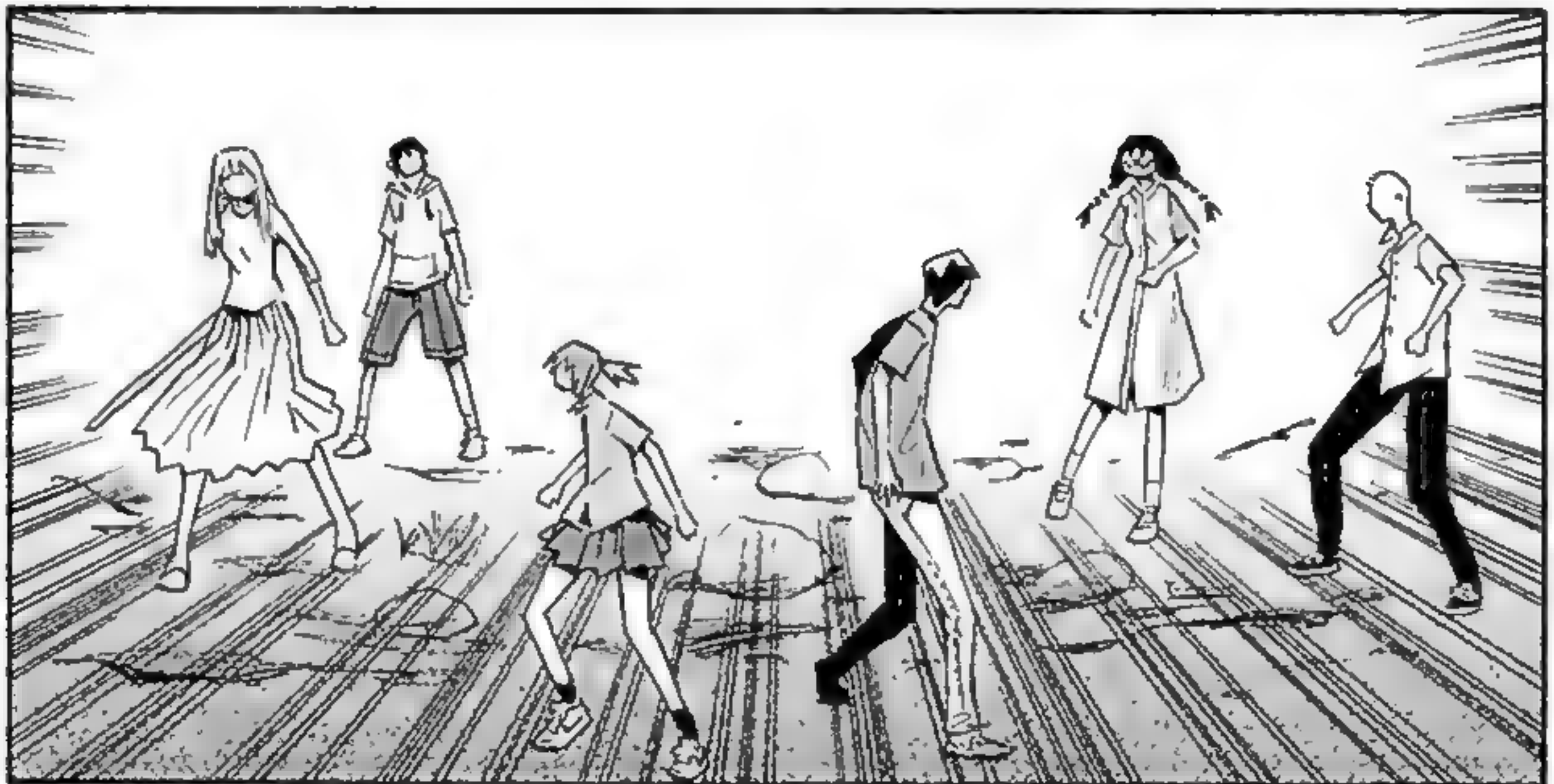
I CAN'T SIT
THIS ONE
OUT. LOOK
OVER
THERE.



PRIN-
CESS!

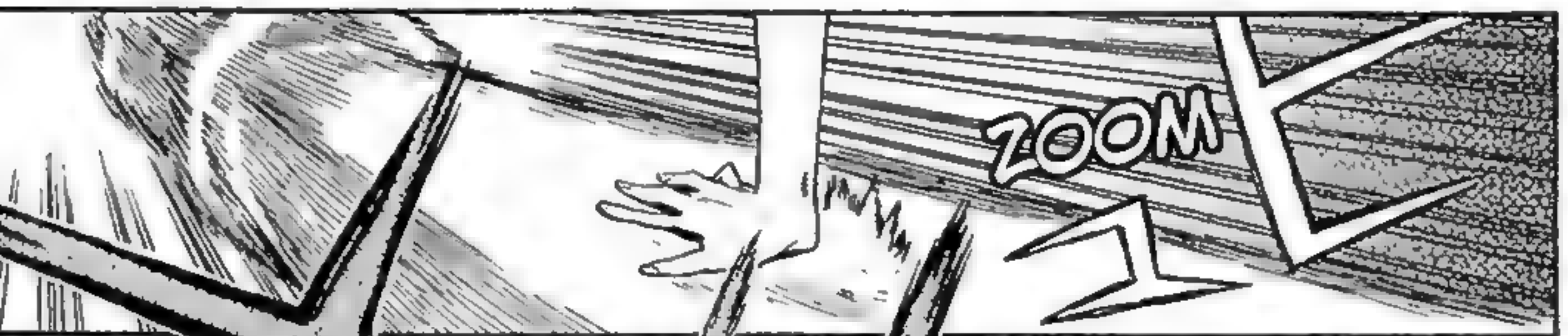
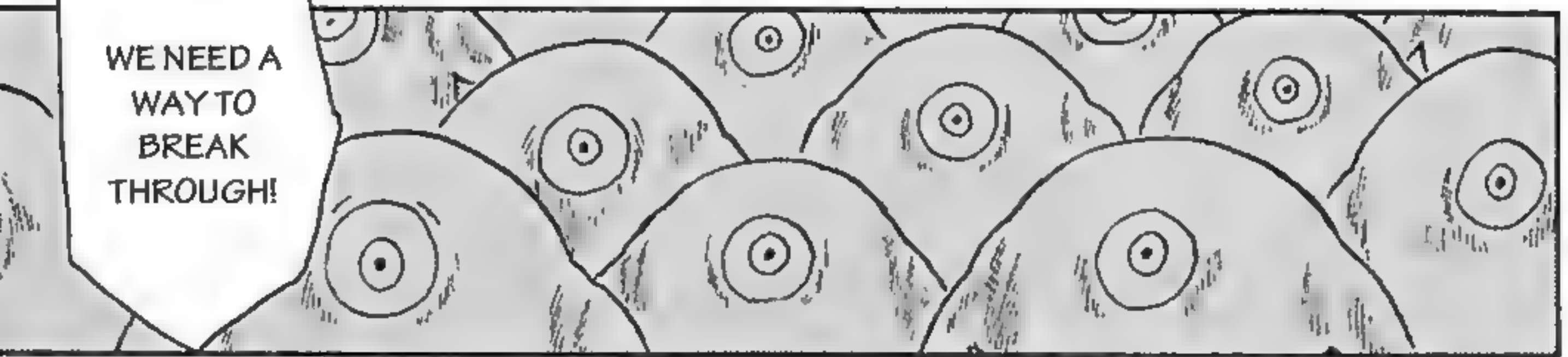
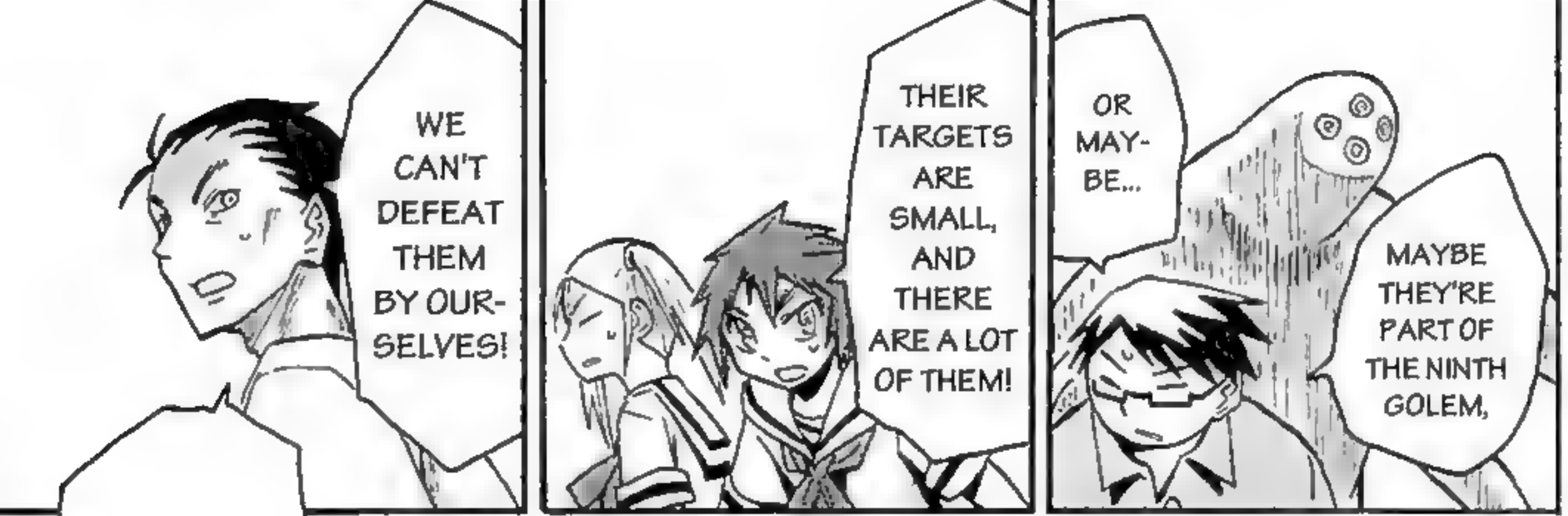


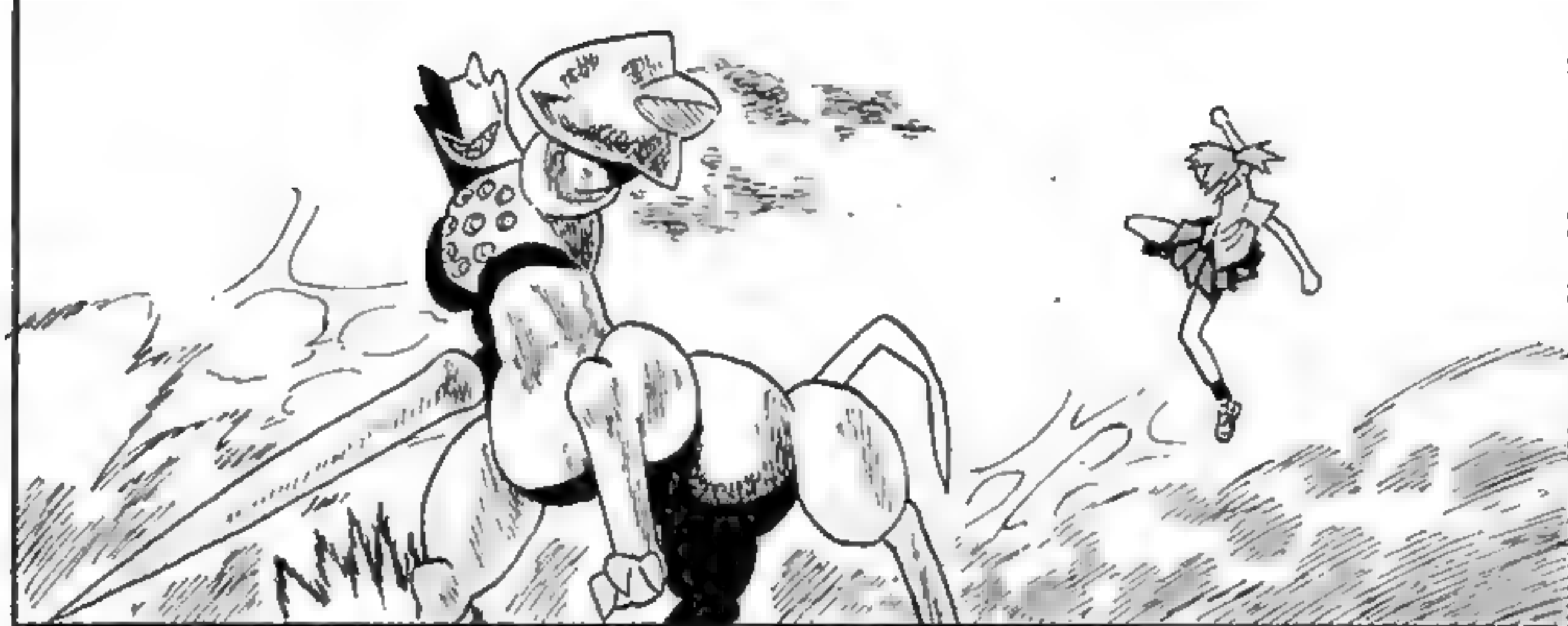












HEY,
ARE YOU
CRAZY?!

YOU CAN'T
MOVE IN
ON THAT
THING!



OKAY, I'LL
MOVE IN AND
DISTRACT IT.

IF I CAN
MAKE AN
OPENING,
SAMIDARE-
CHAN CAN...



THE
PRIN-
CESS
ISN'T
MOVING.

WE
HAVE TO
THINK OF
A PLAN...

THAT
GOLEM HAS
FLAWLESS
OFFENSE AND
DEFENSE.



DAMN
IT,
KIR!

IF YOU'RE
SCARED,
STAND BACK
AND WATCH
WHILE US
HEROES
FIGHT!



THEN
WHAT
CAN WE
DO?!



STOMP

I'LL
DO IT!

I CAN
DISTRACT
IT BETTER
WITH MY
ARAGAMI.





OOO
OOH
HH-
HHH!



ARA...

FIELD
CON-
TROL!





HEY!



LOOK—



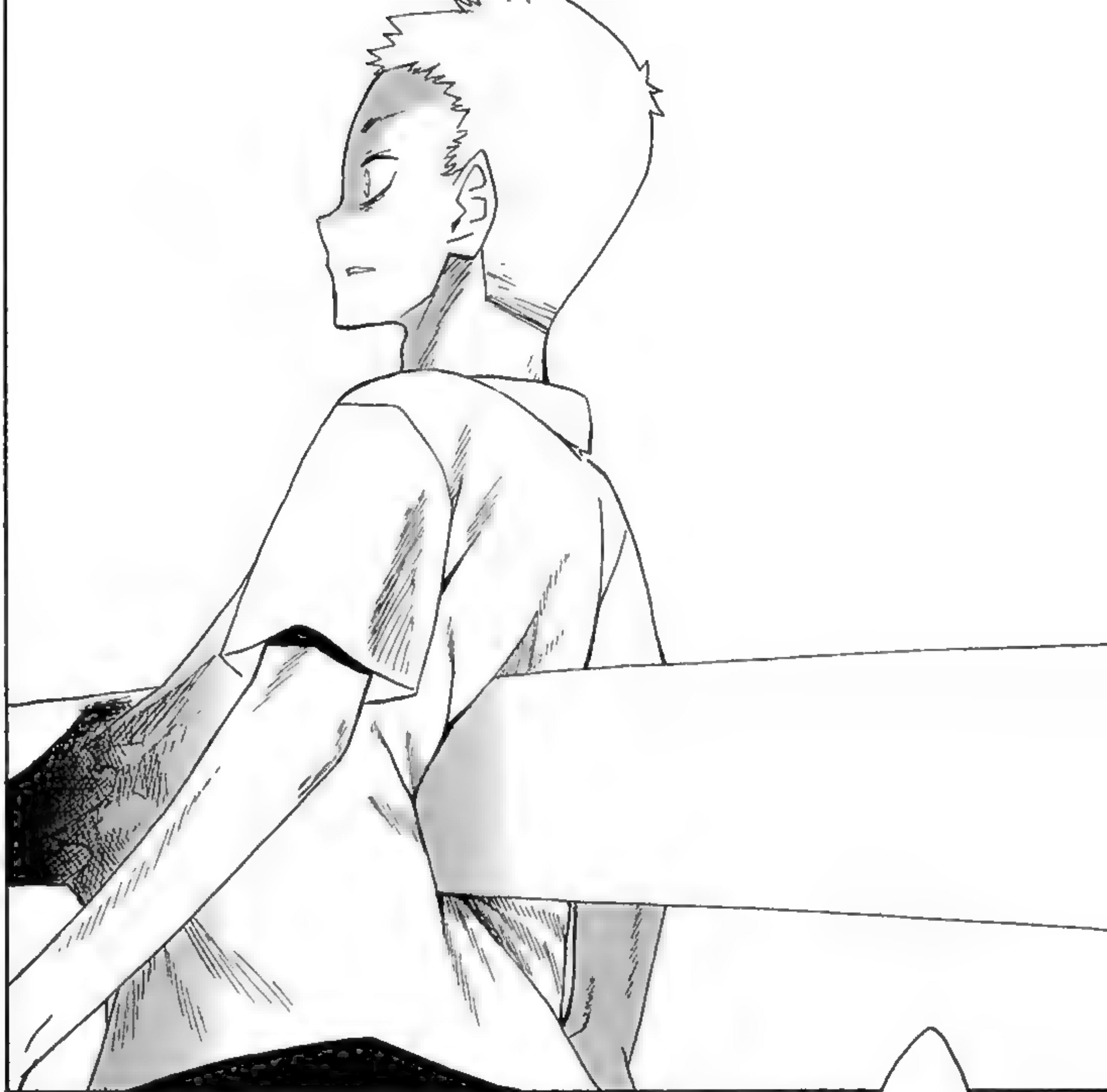
WHERE
ARE
YOU

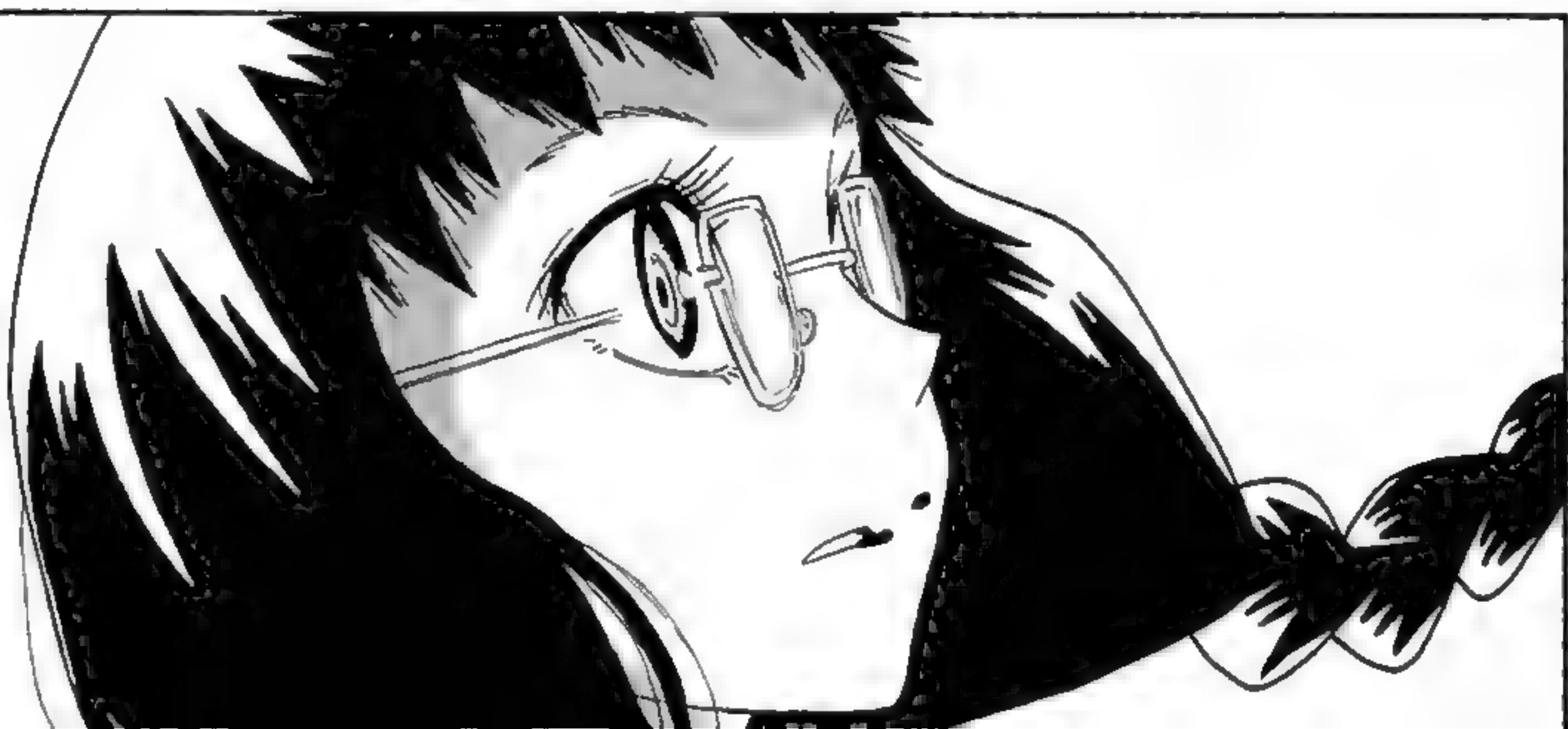


—ING...



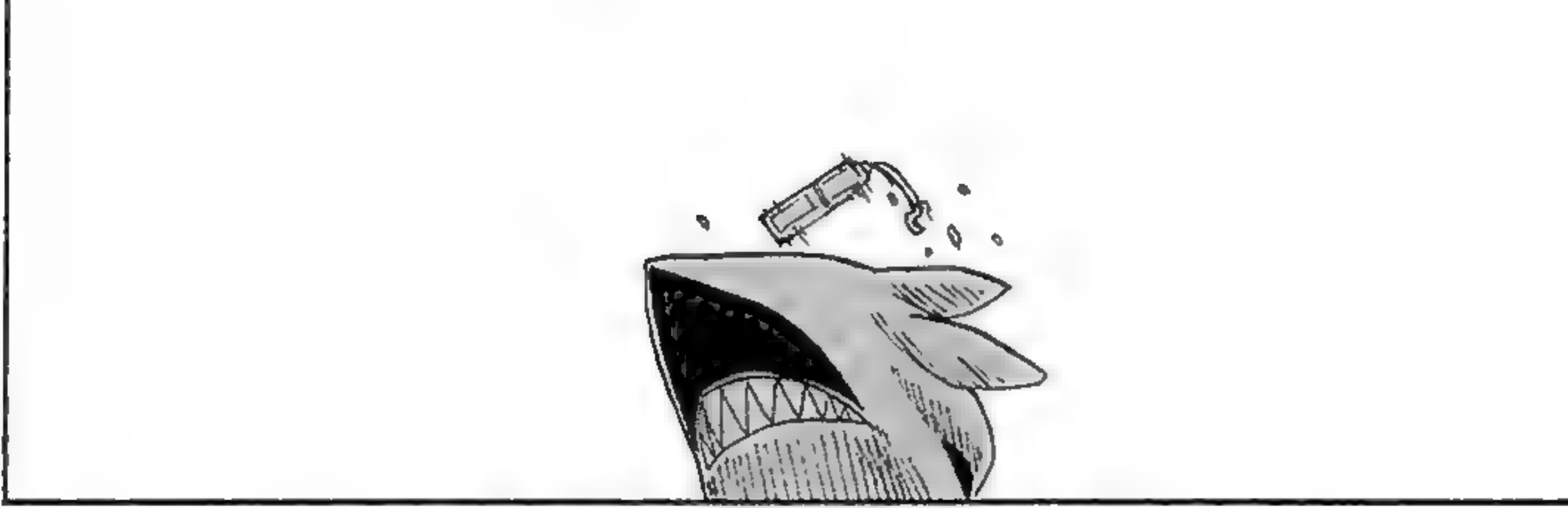




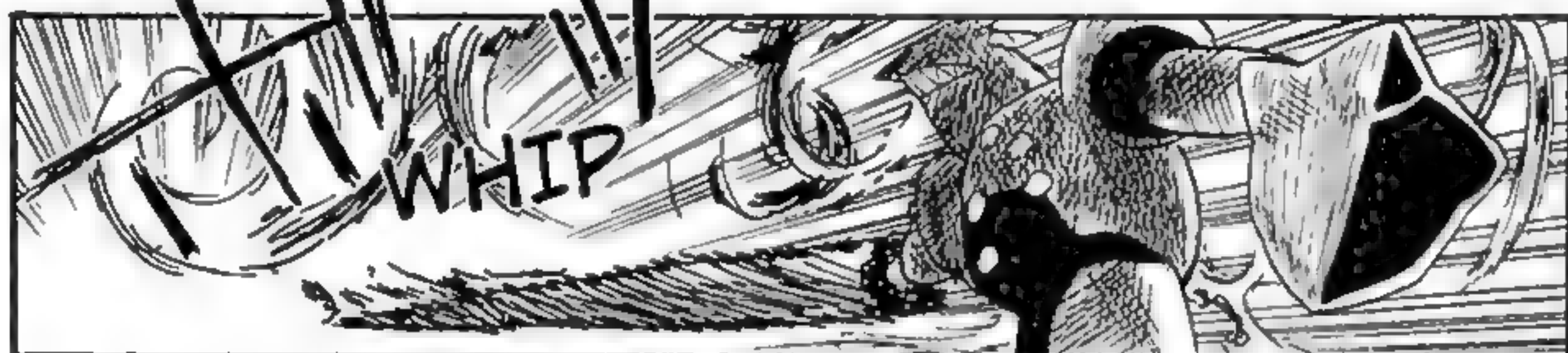














THE WISH THEY
MADE WITH THEIR
CONTRACT WAS FOR
YOU TO BE REVIVED
IF YOU WERE EVER
FATALLY WOUNDED.

IT COULD
ONLY BE
KUSAKABE
TAROU AND
LANCE.

HOW...

KIR,
WHAT
HAP-
PENED?

THEY
DIED FOR
NOTHING.

MEANING...

CHAPTER 37 END

CHAPTER 38: KUSAKABE TAROU AND THE BEAST KNIGHTS

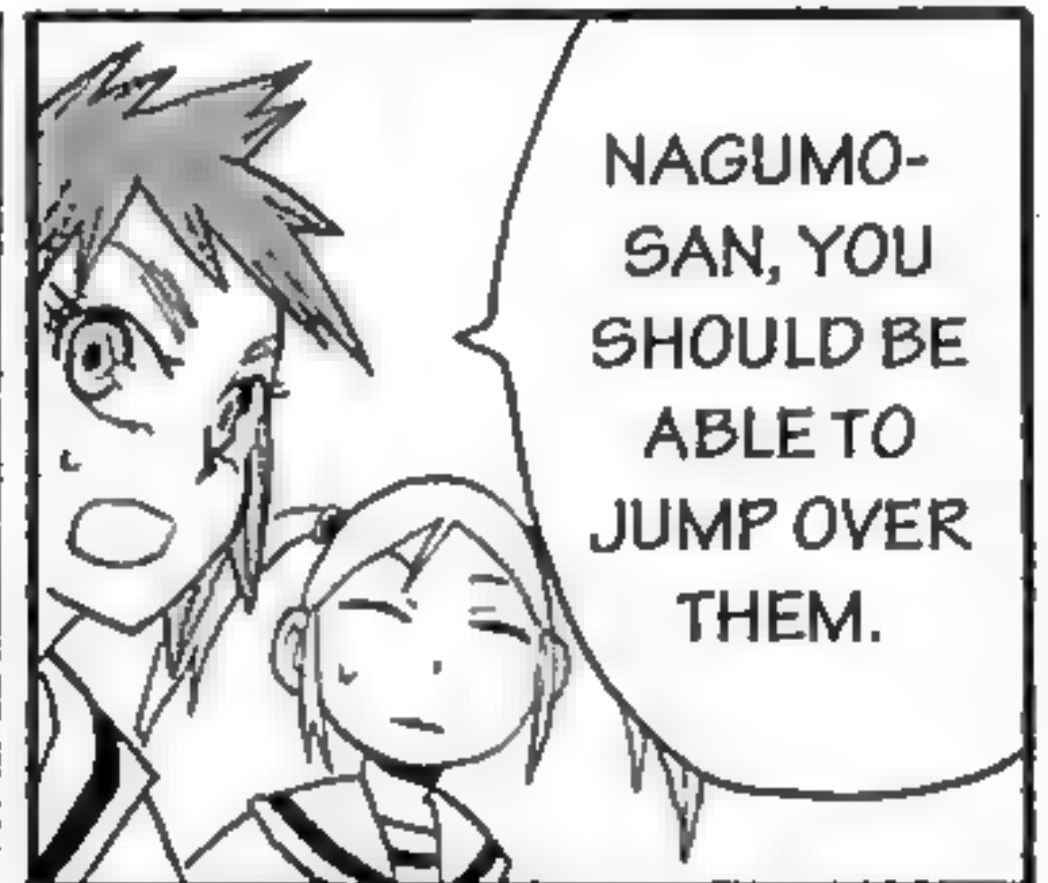
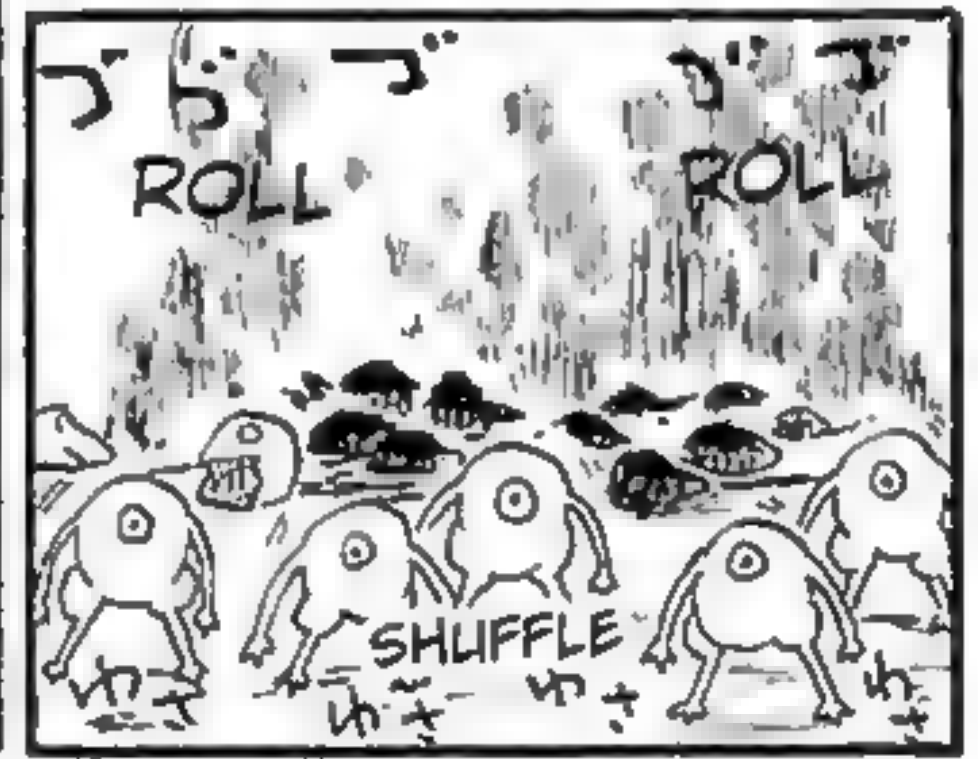
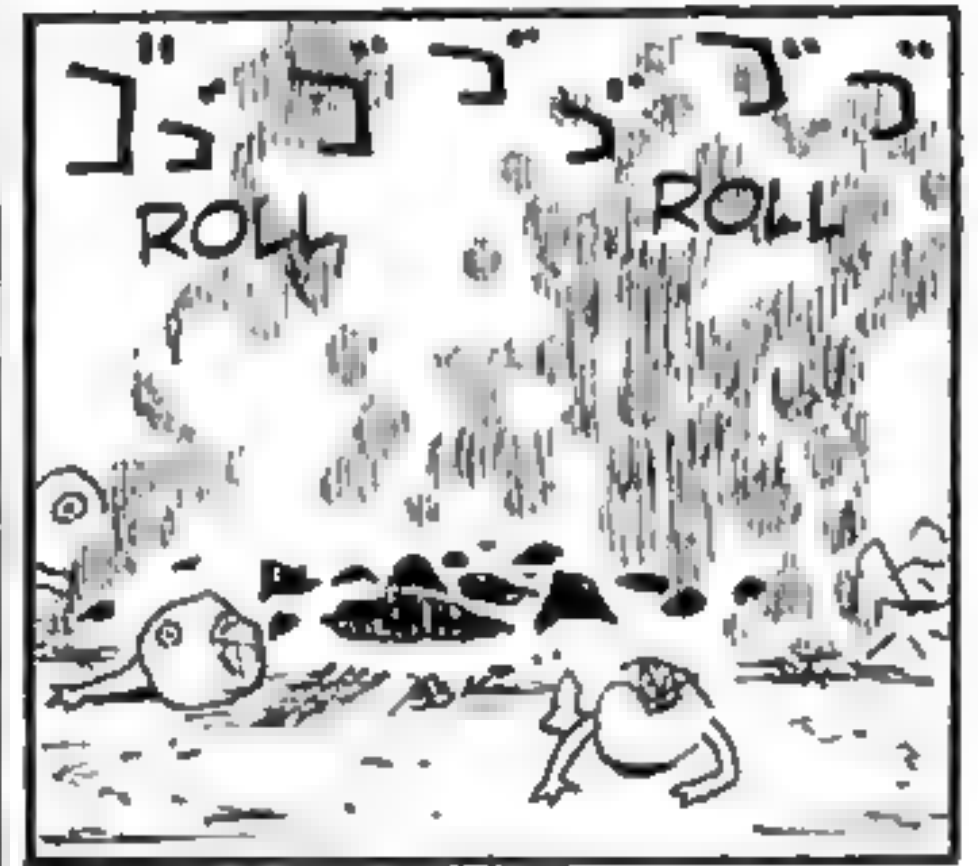
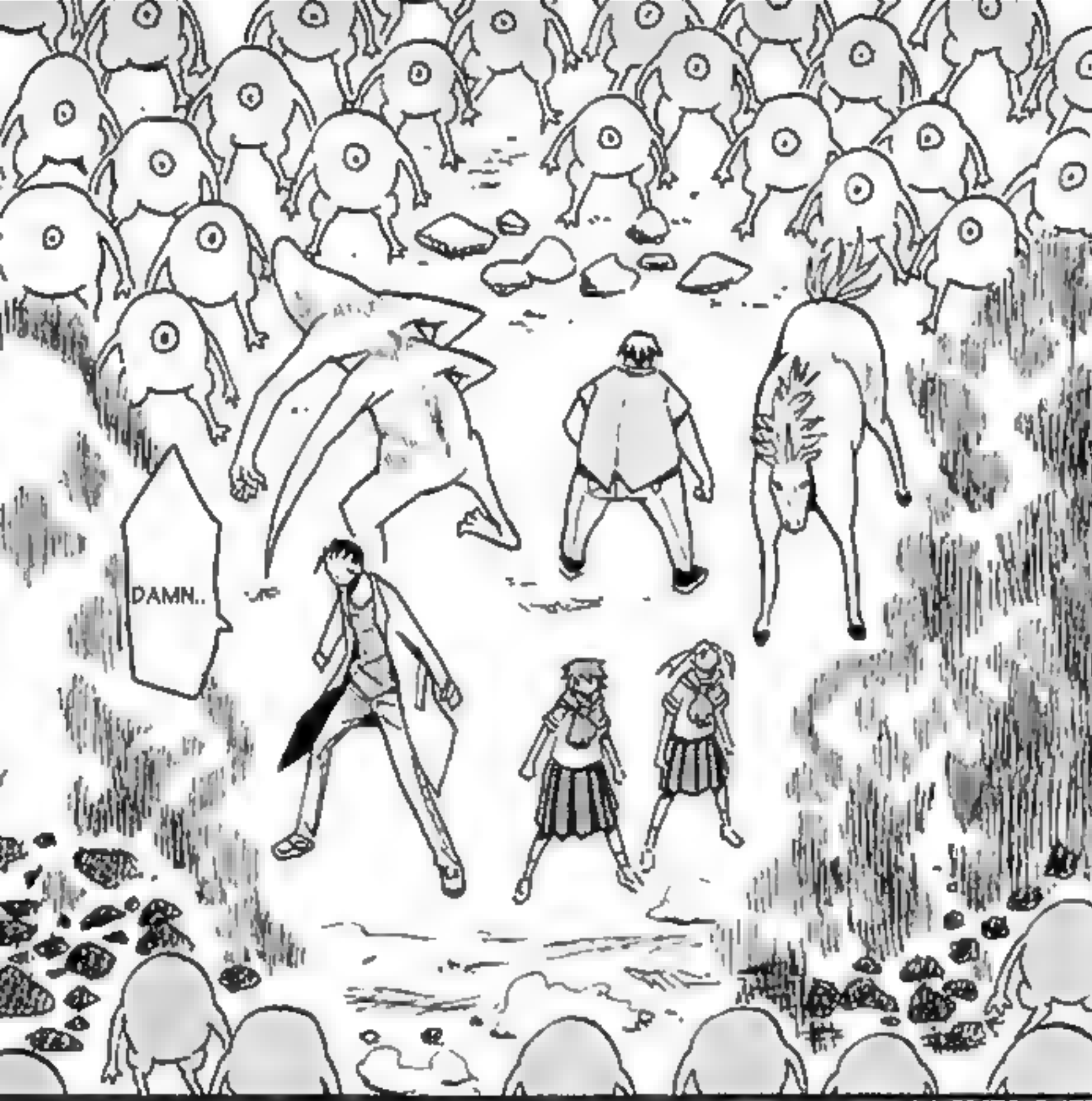


DRILL
KICK!

MIT-
TWOCH!

STRONG-
EST
SHIELD!

BOOM





YOUR
HERO
IS
HERE!

HEHEHE,
SORRY
TO KEEP
YOU
WAIT-
ING!



SHINO-
NOME-
SAN...

FLAP
flap

WHY
DID YOU
JUMP IN
WHEN
WE'RE
SUR-
ROUND-
ED?!



SMACK

OUCH!

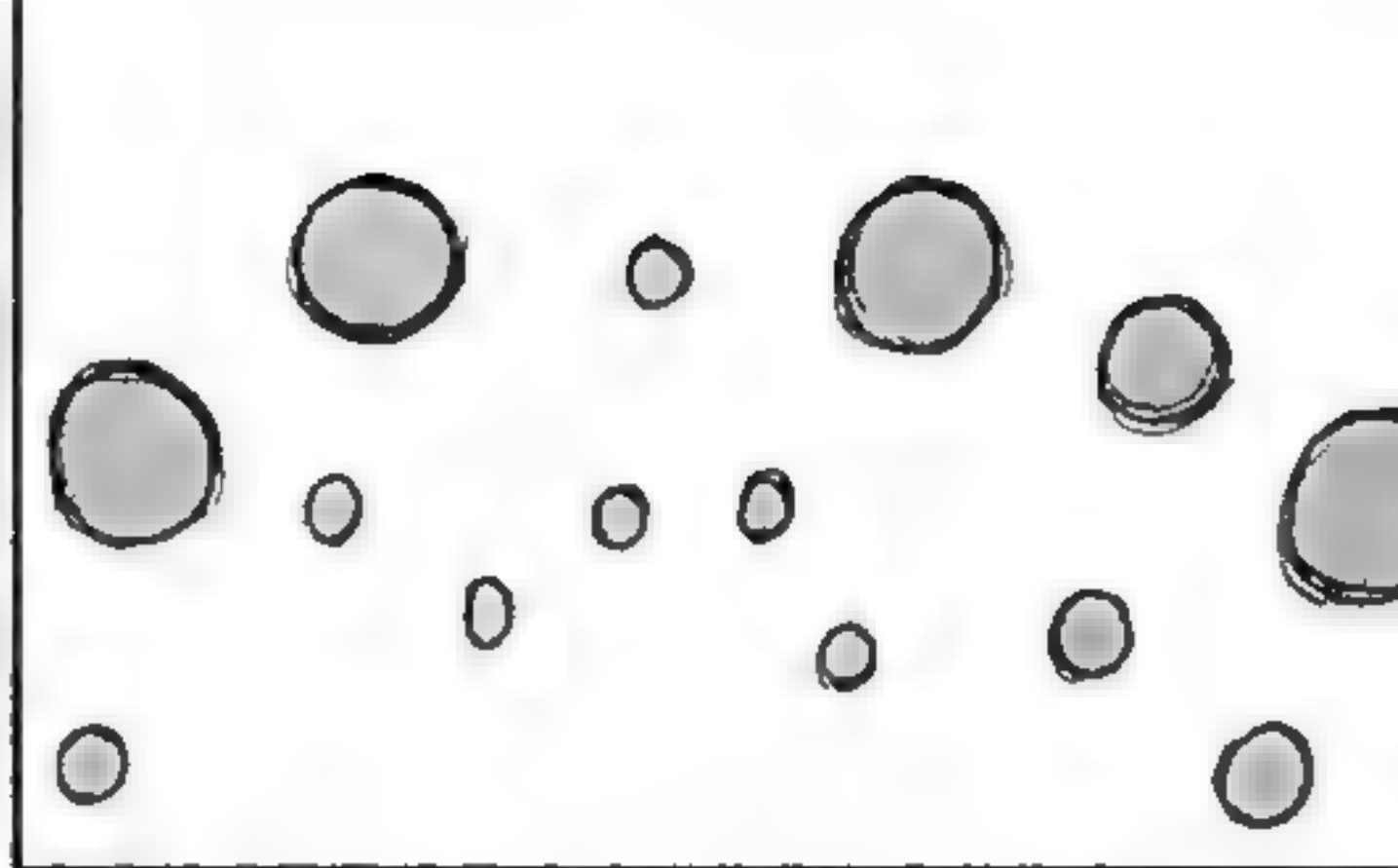


WERE YOU
IN TROUBLE?
YOU WERE,
RIGHT?

DID
YOU
MISS
ME?

SNICKER
SNICKER





YOU
GAVE
IT TO
YUU-
KUN,

BRO...
THIS
WAS
YOUR
IDEA,
RIGHT?



HAL-
BERDS!

THOSE
ARE LIKE
WHAT
AMA-
MIYA-
KUN WAS
USING!



YOU
SHAPED
YOUR
FIELD
INTO
SPEARS?



BRO!

AND
HE
GAVE
IT TO
ME!

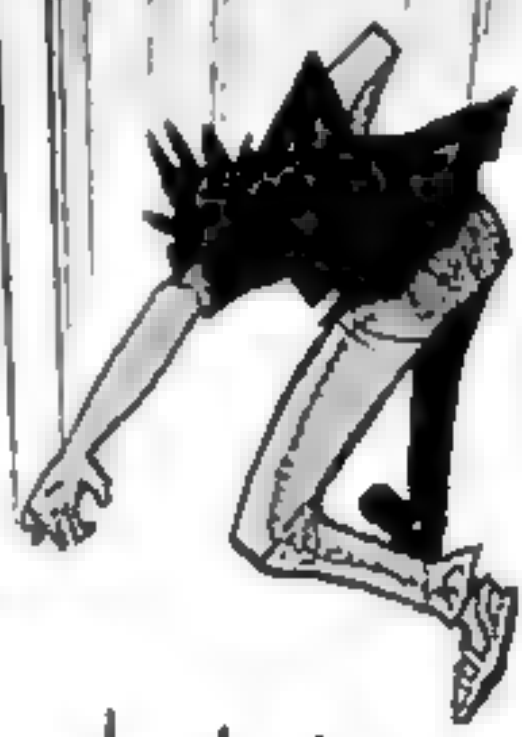
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HALBERD
ARMY

SEAL
HEAVEN
FORMA-
TION

POW

POW



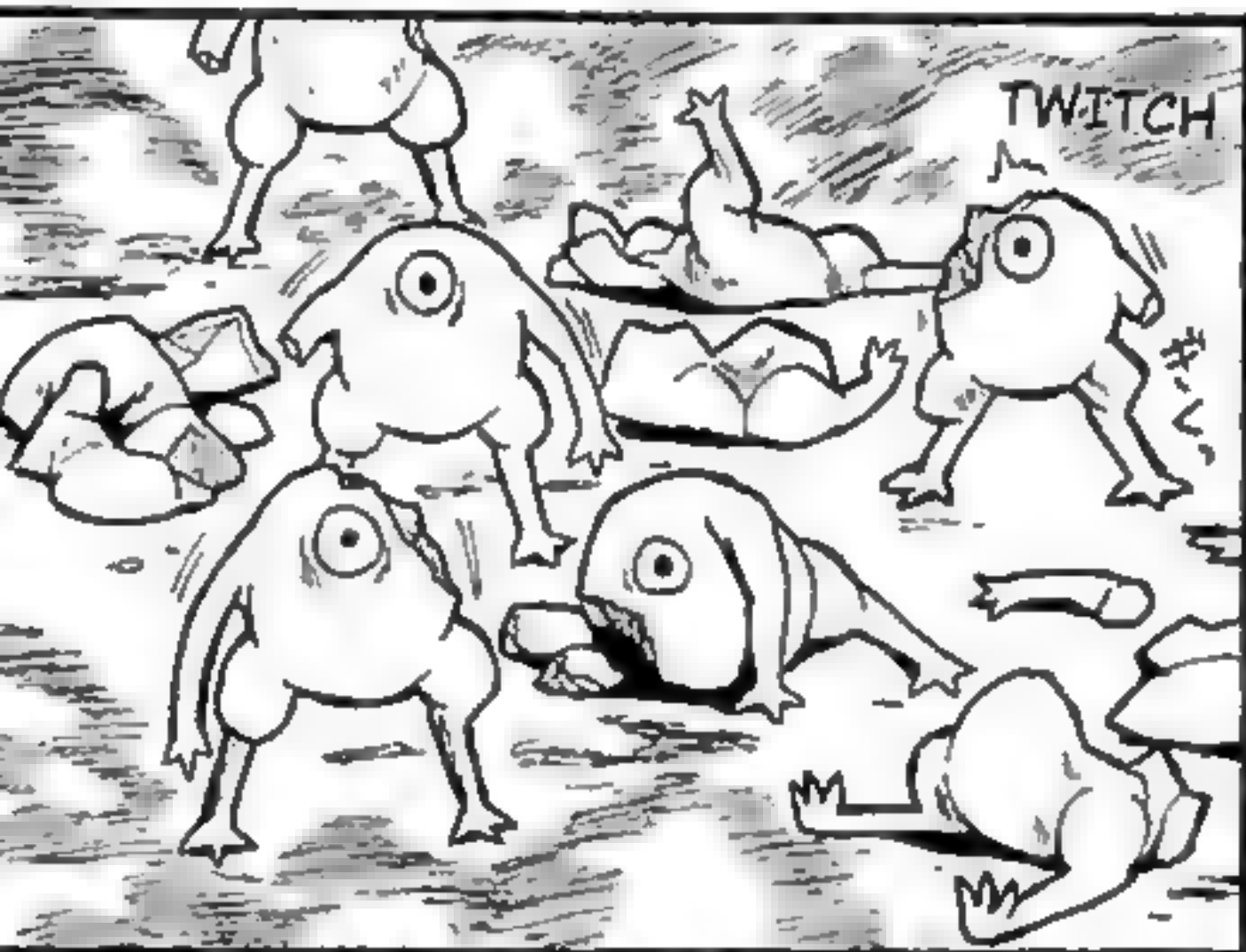
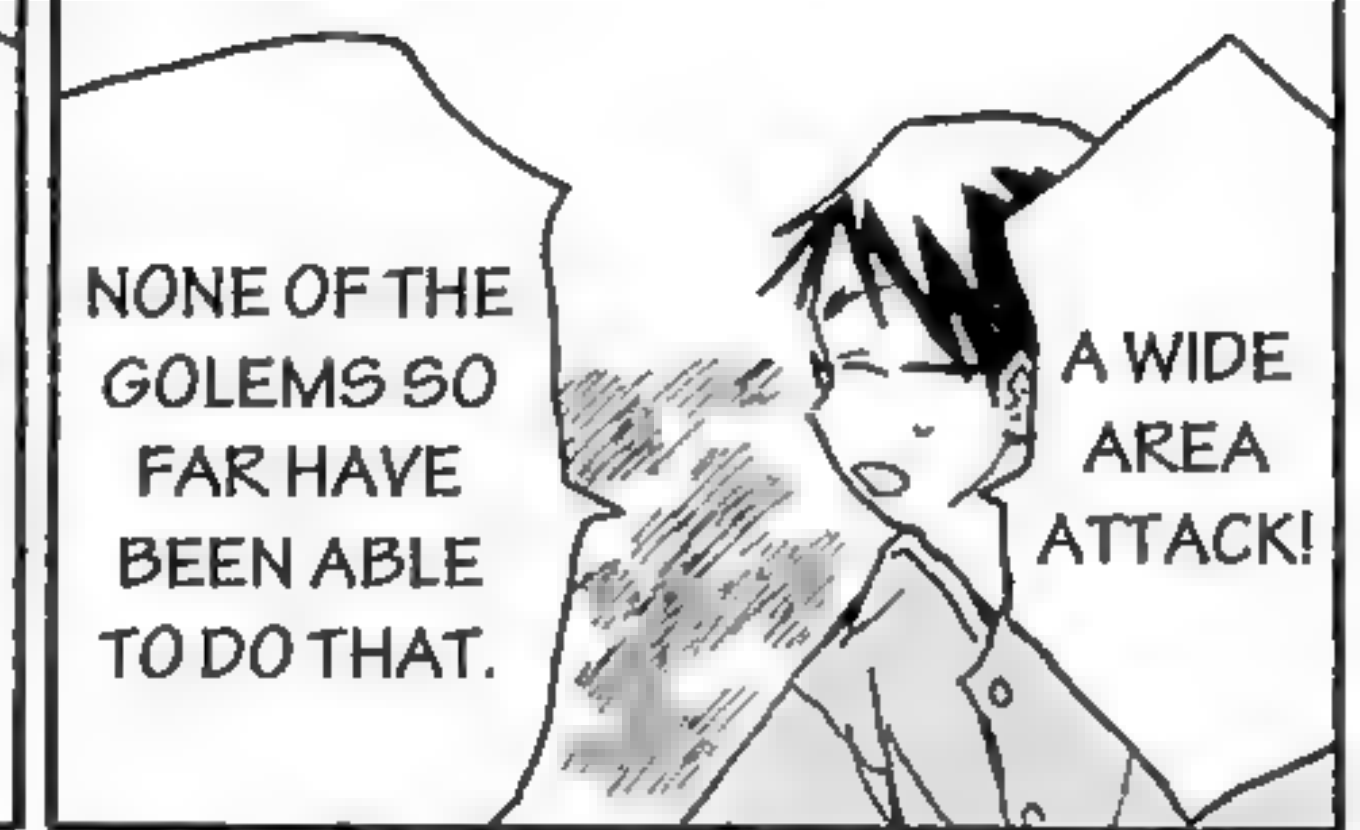
POW

POW



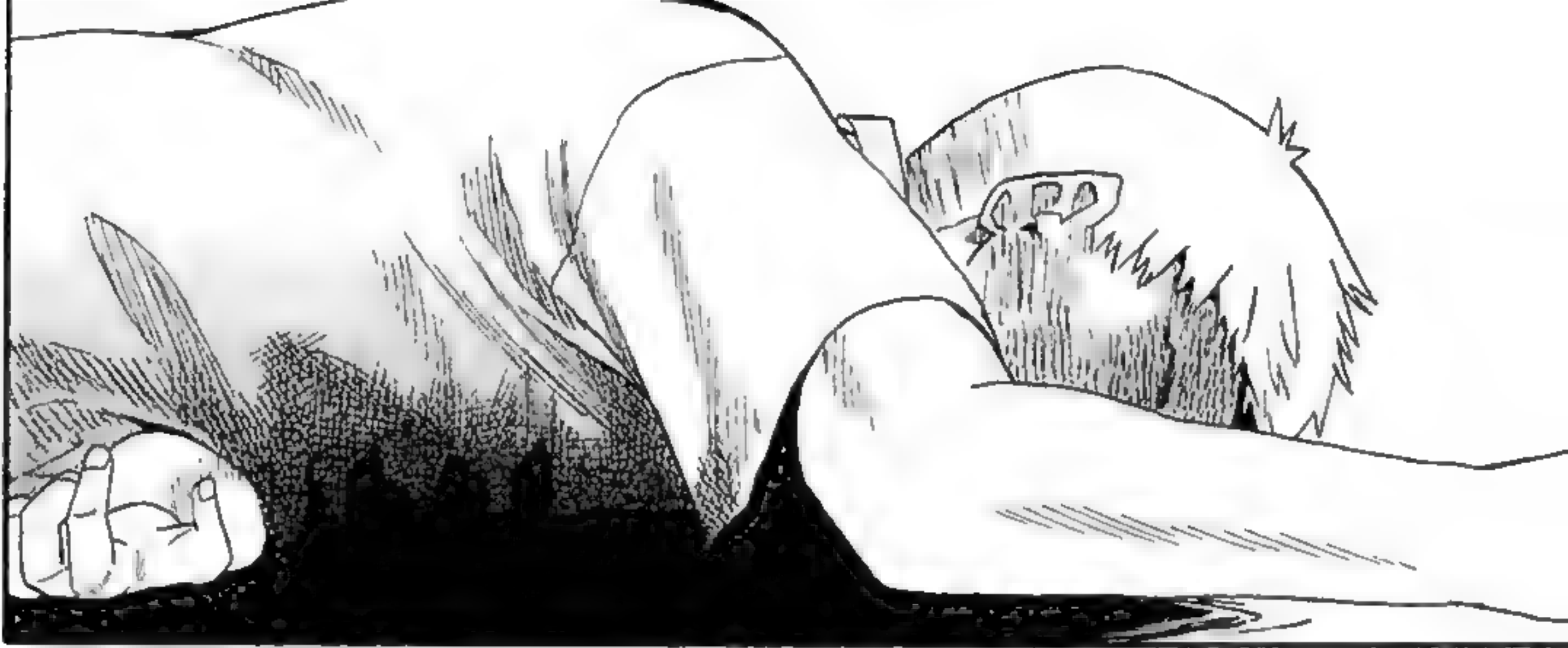
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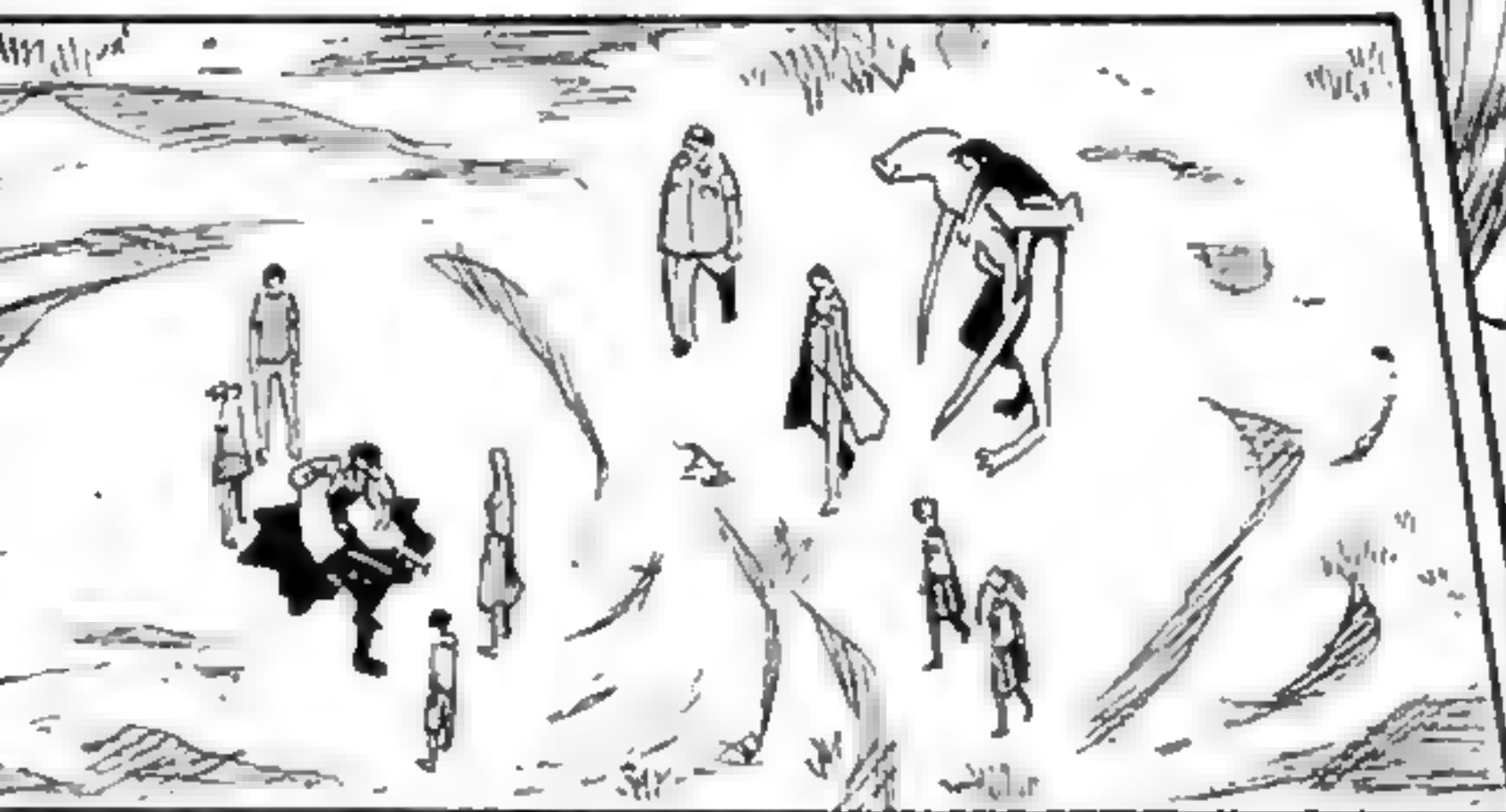
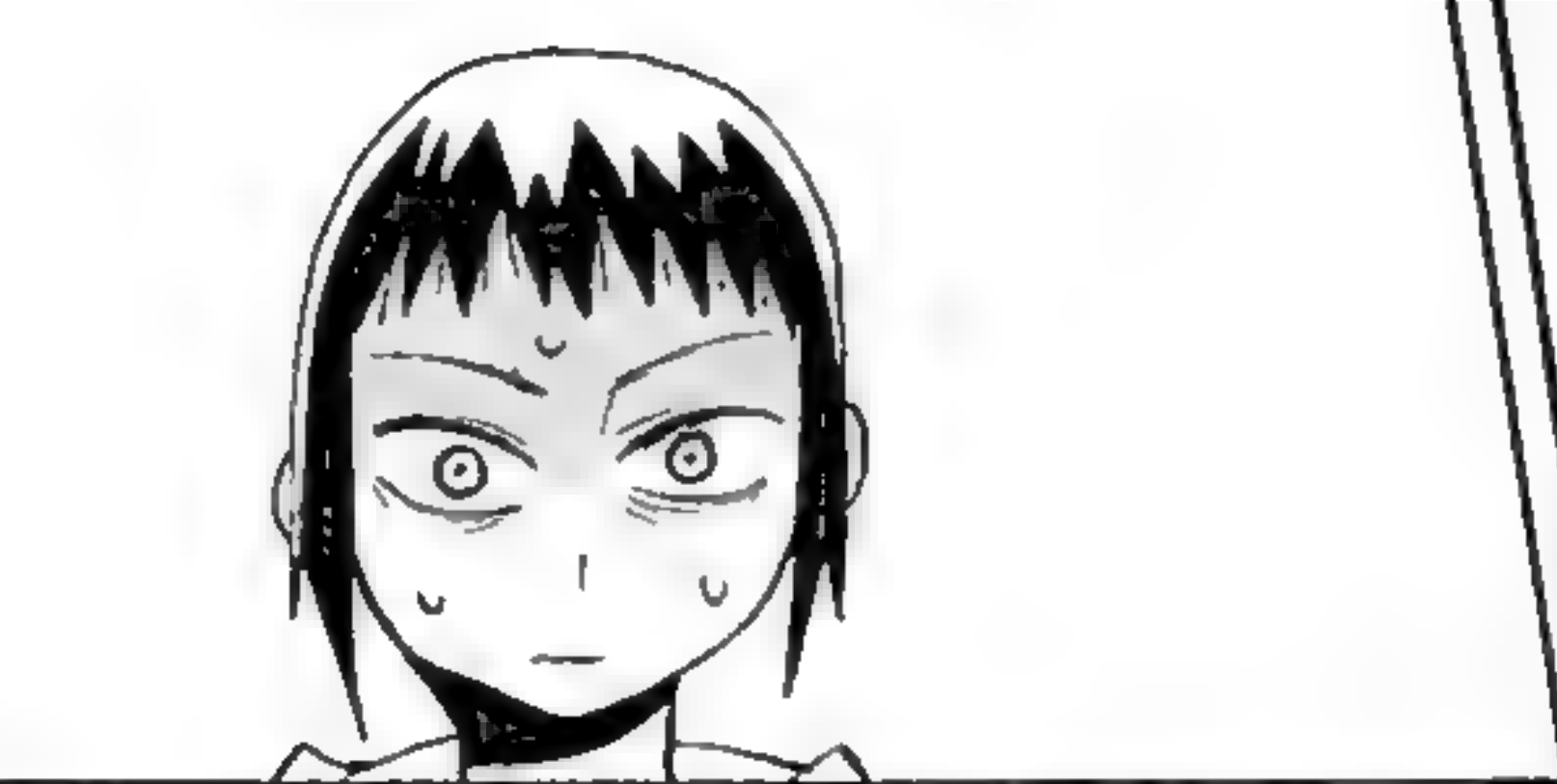
POW





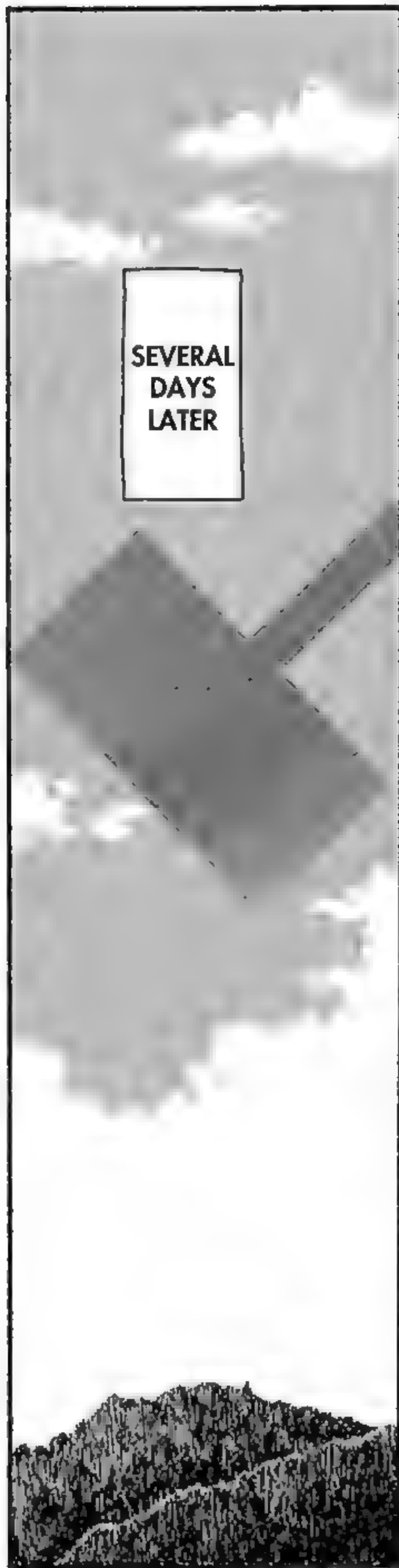






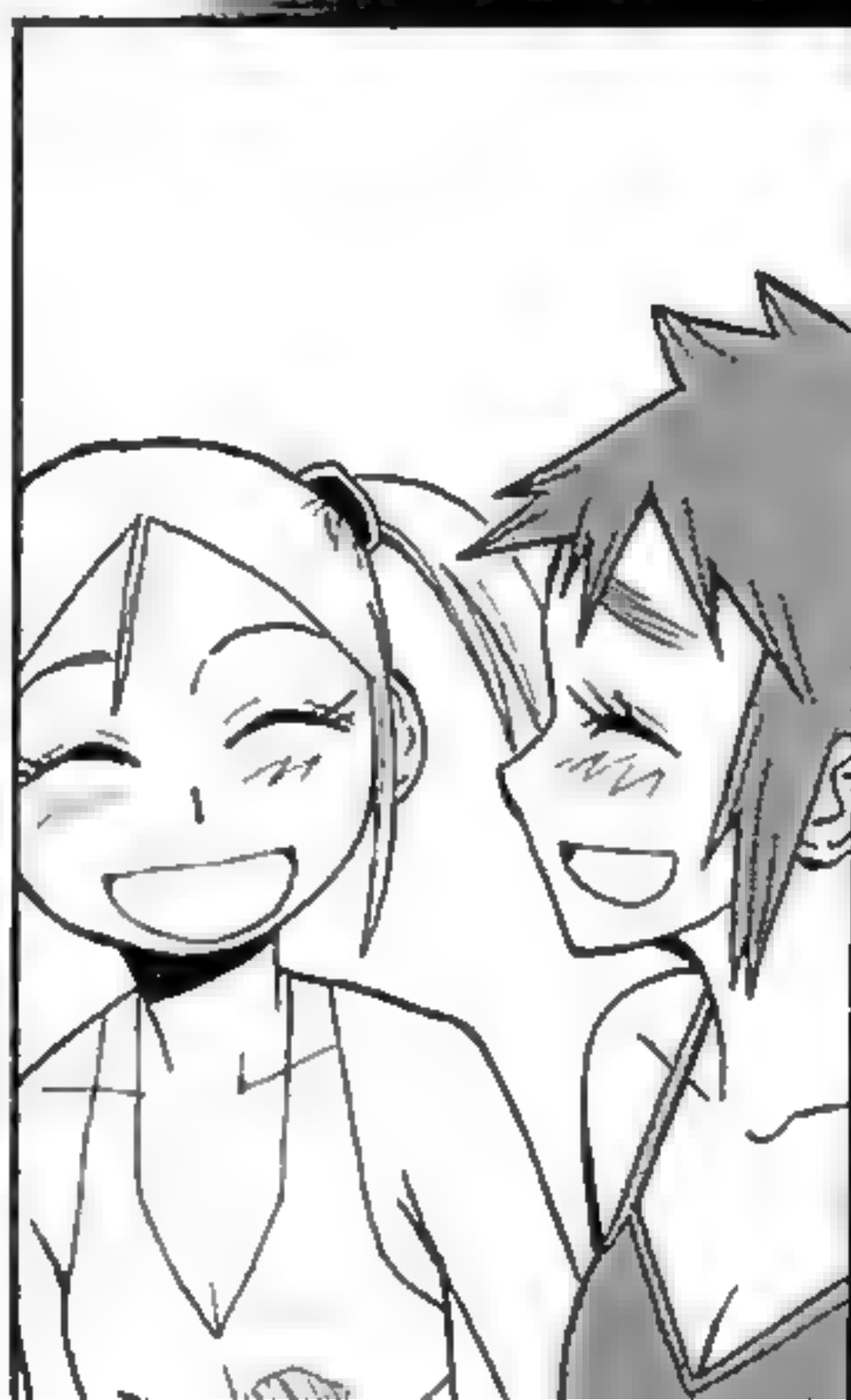
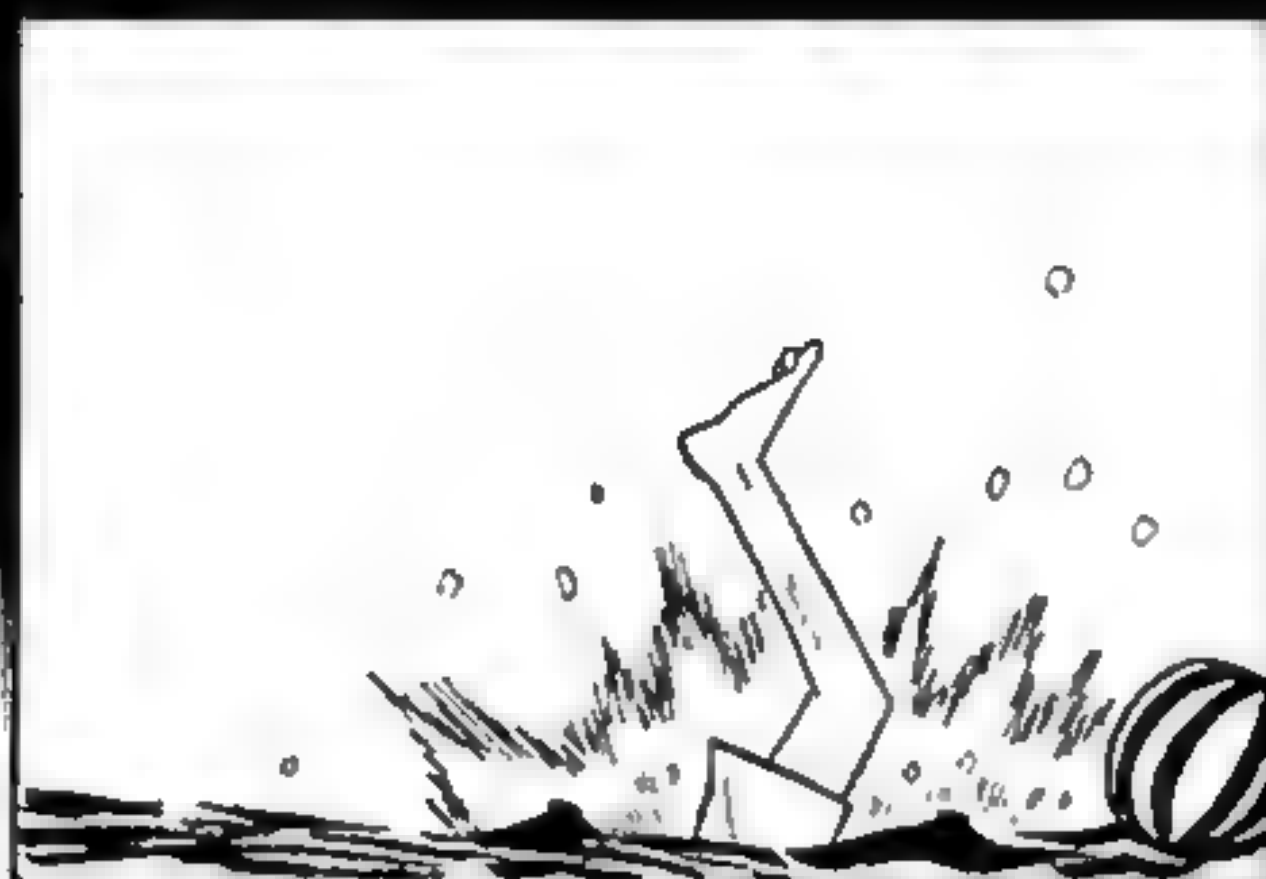
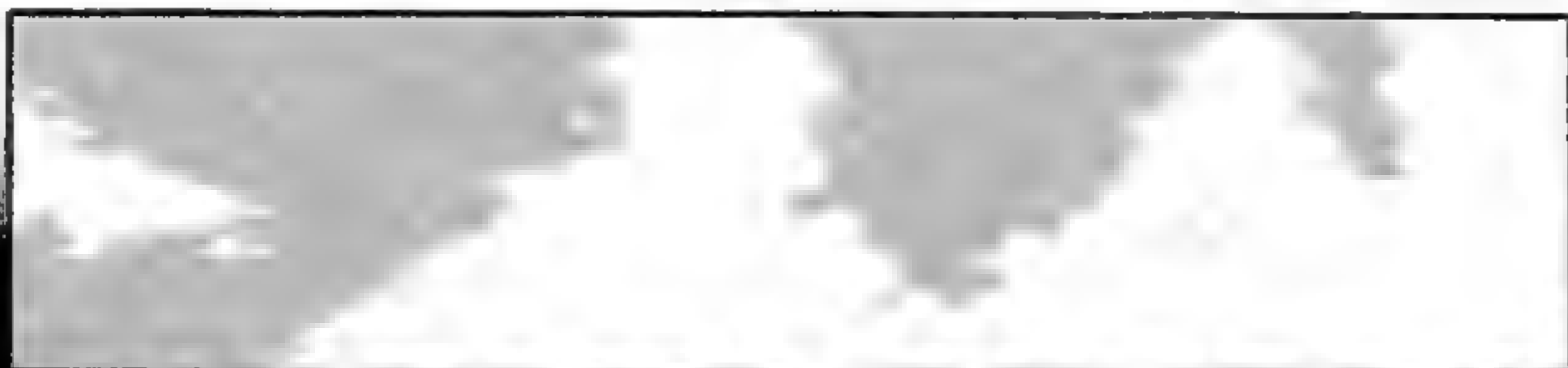
SEVERAL
DAYS
LATER

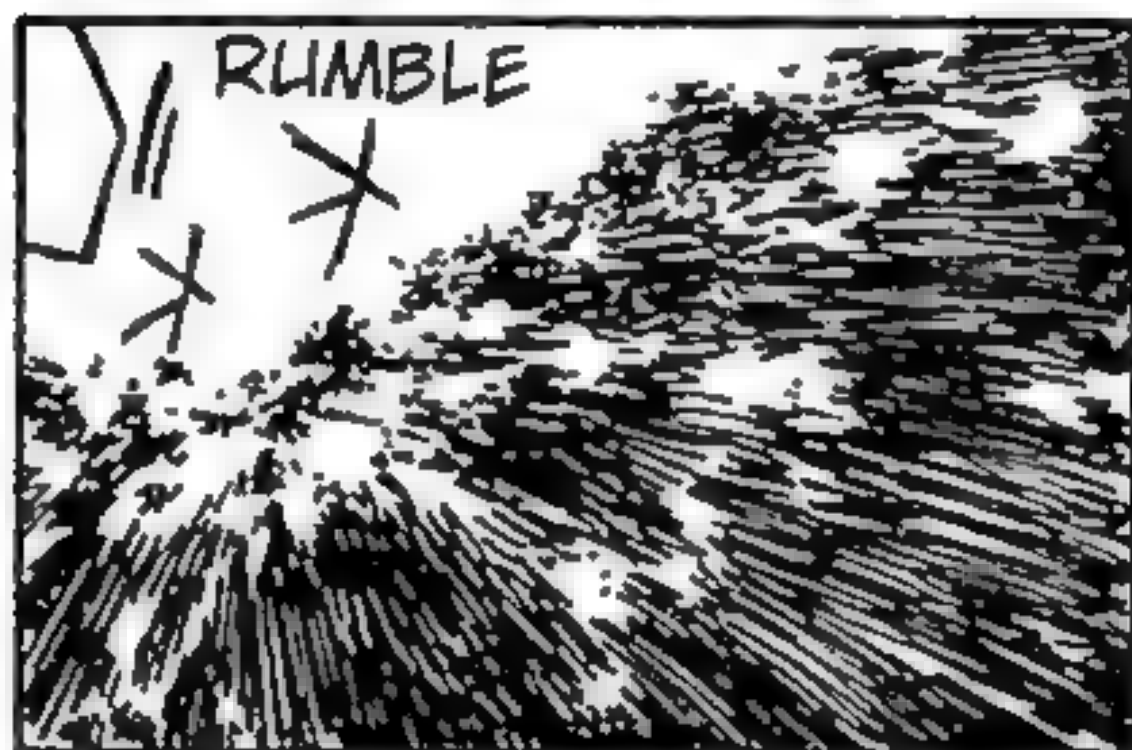
DAMN
IT!





*SIGN: LOVE SOBA 500 YEN, SUMMER GIFTS







THAT'S
ENOUGH,
TAIYOU.

DRAW

DRAW

DRAW

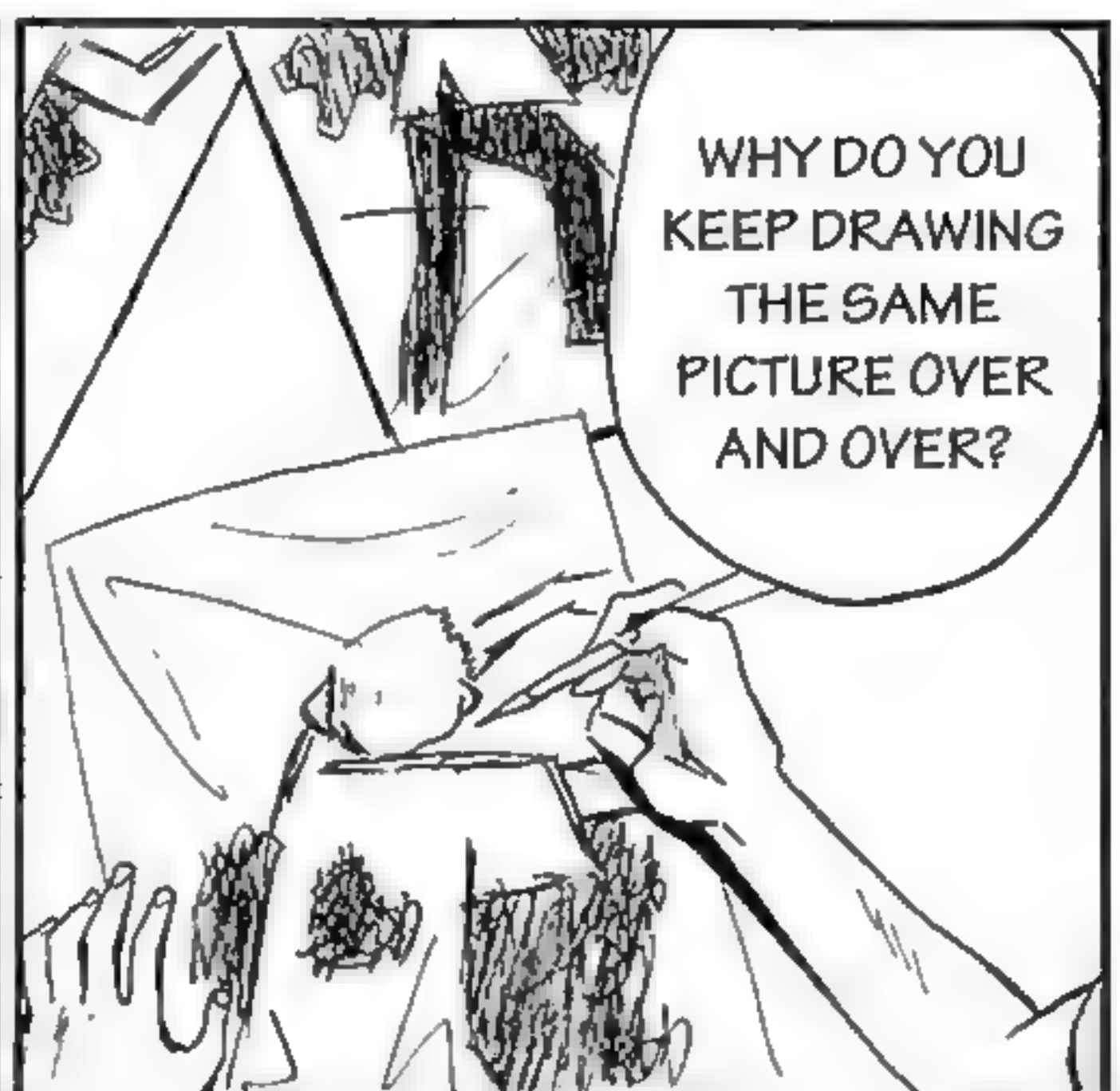
DRAW



BUT THE
MORE I TRY
TO GET IT
OUT, THE
CLEARER IT
BECOMES.

I WANT TO
GET THAT
SCENE OUT
OF MY
HEAD.

WHY IS
THAT?



WHY DO YOU
KEEP DRAWING
THE SAME
PICTURE OVER
AND OVER?



DRAW

DRAW

DRAW

DRAW

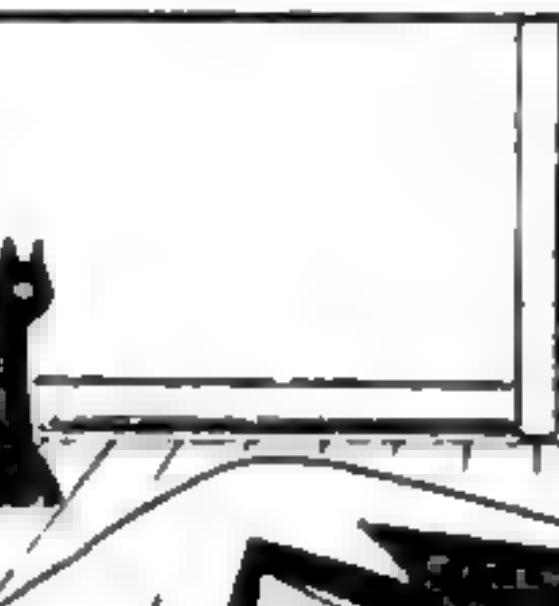
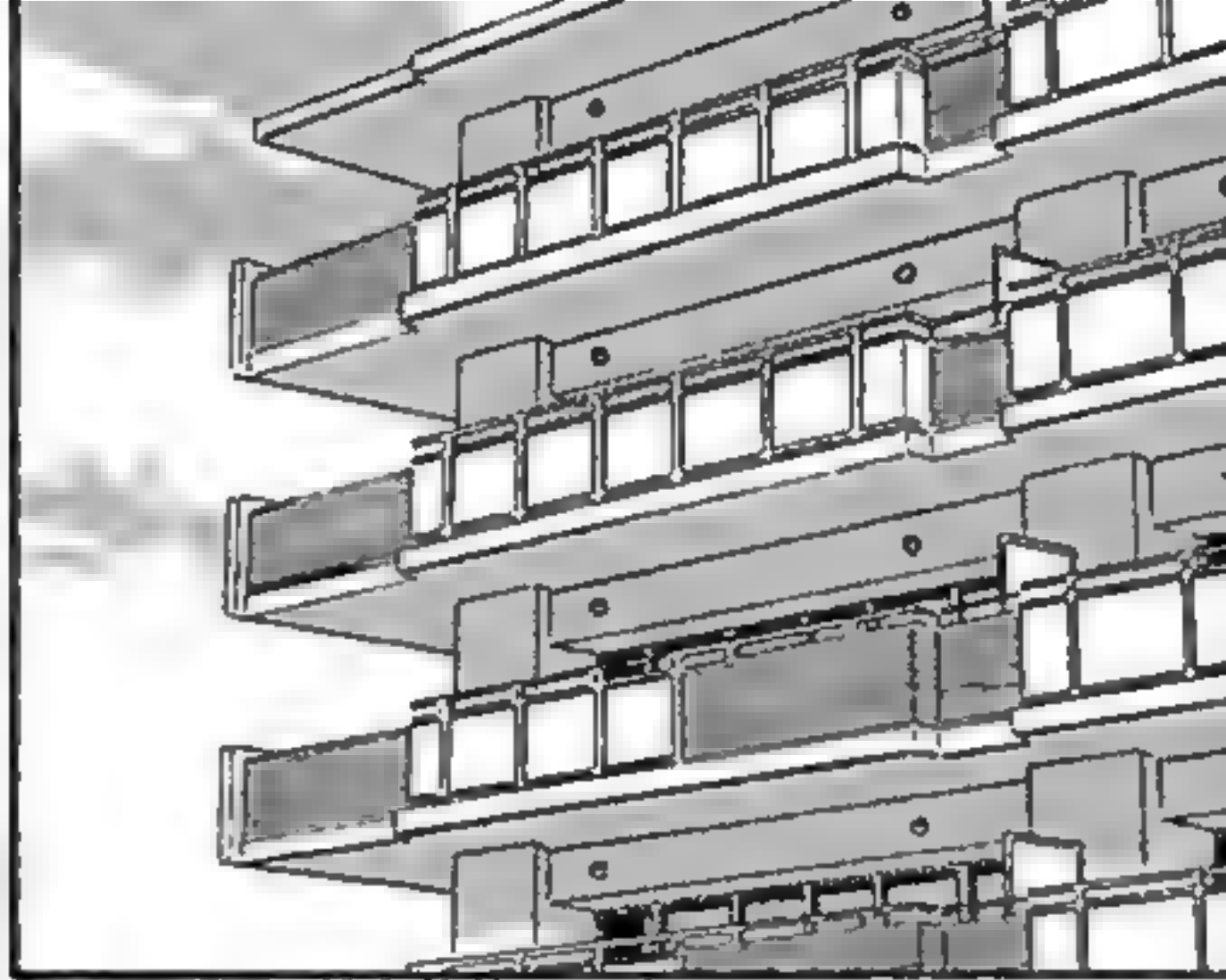


THAT
WILL NOT
HAPPEN
TO YOU.

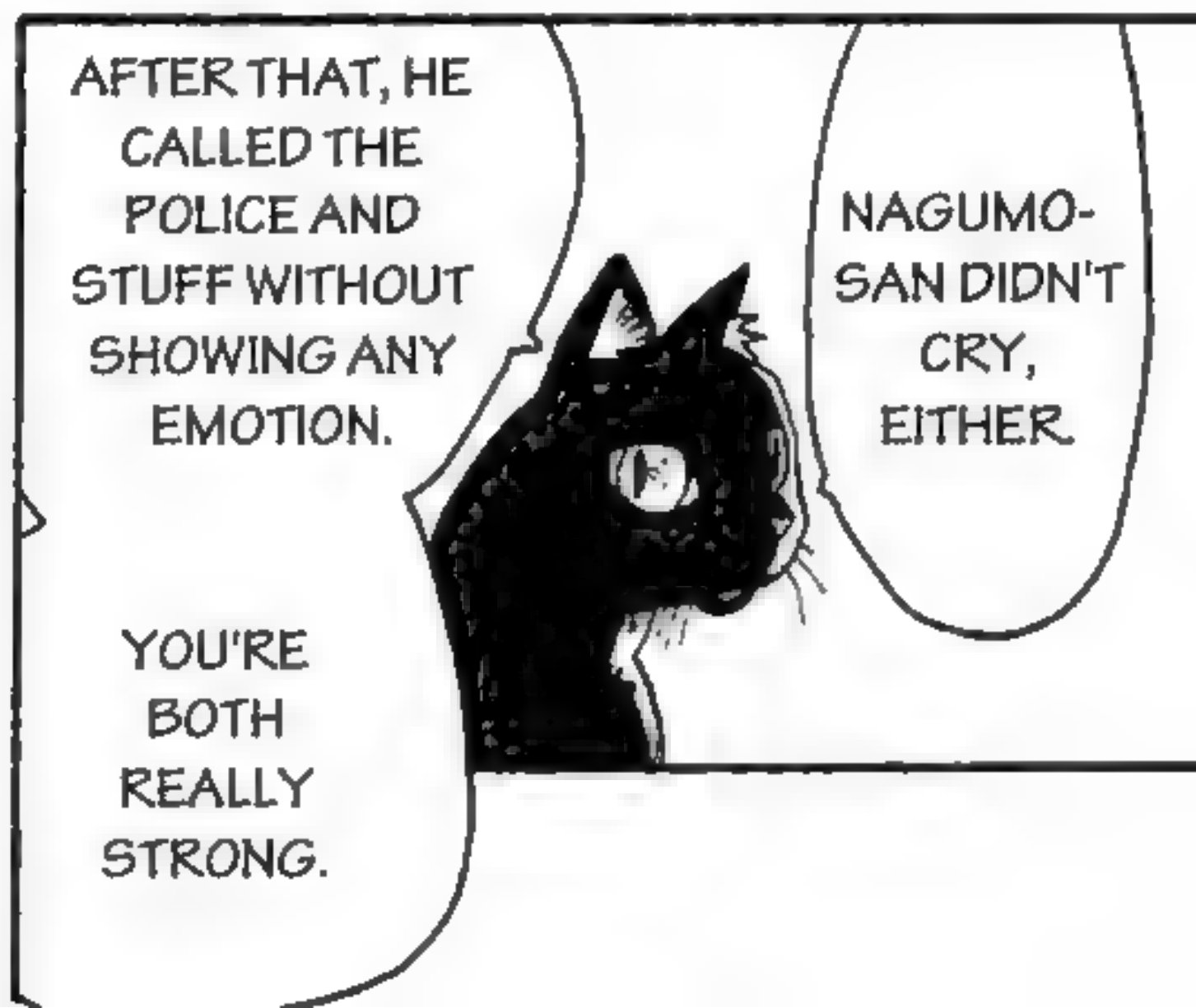
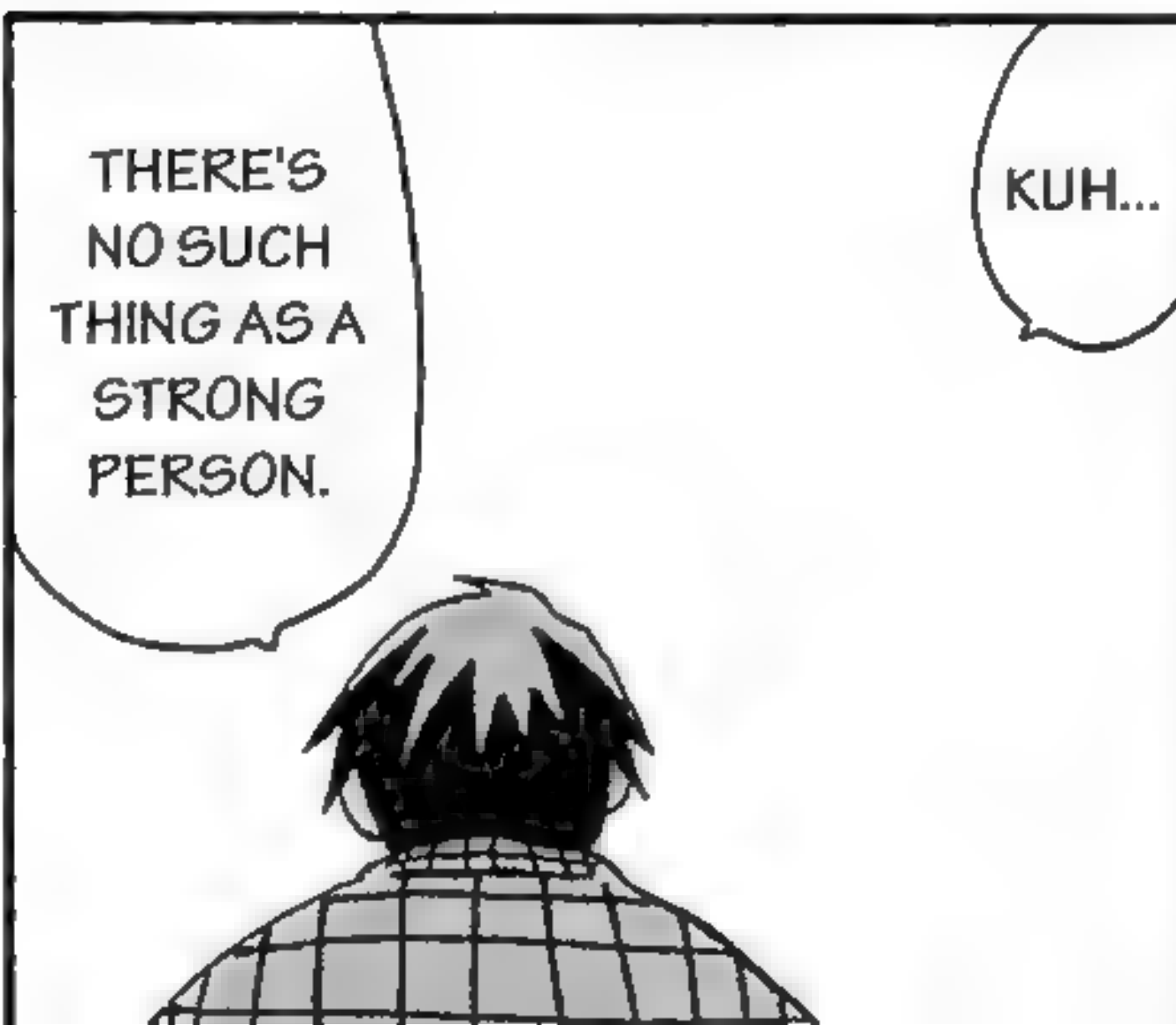
YOU
NEED
NOT BE
AFRAID.

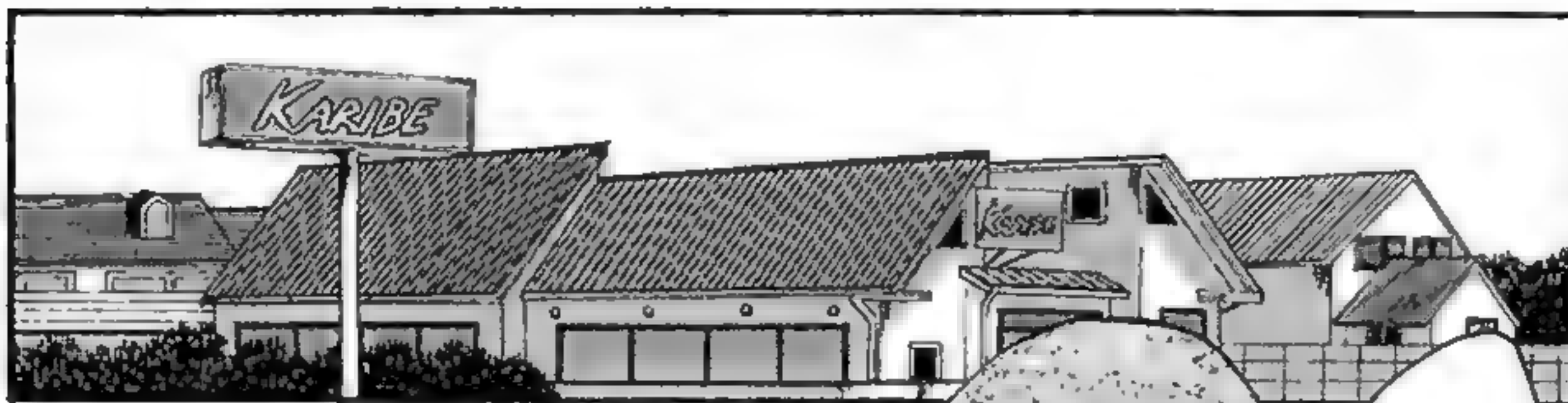


HYOU-KUN...

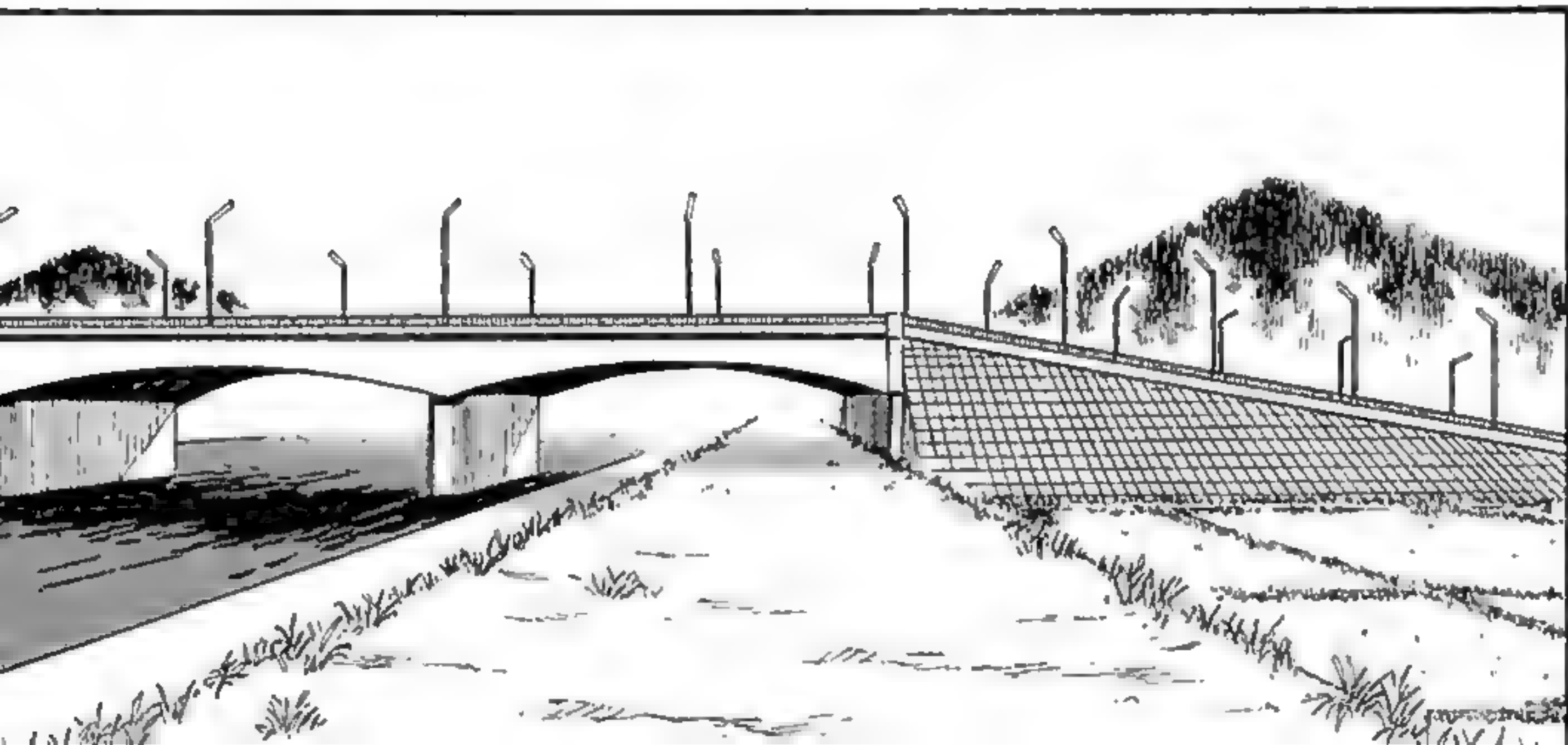
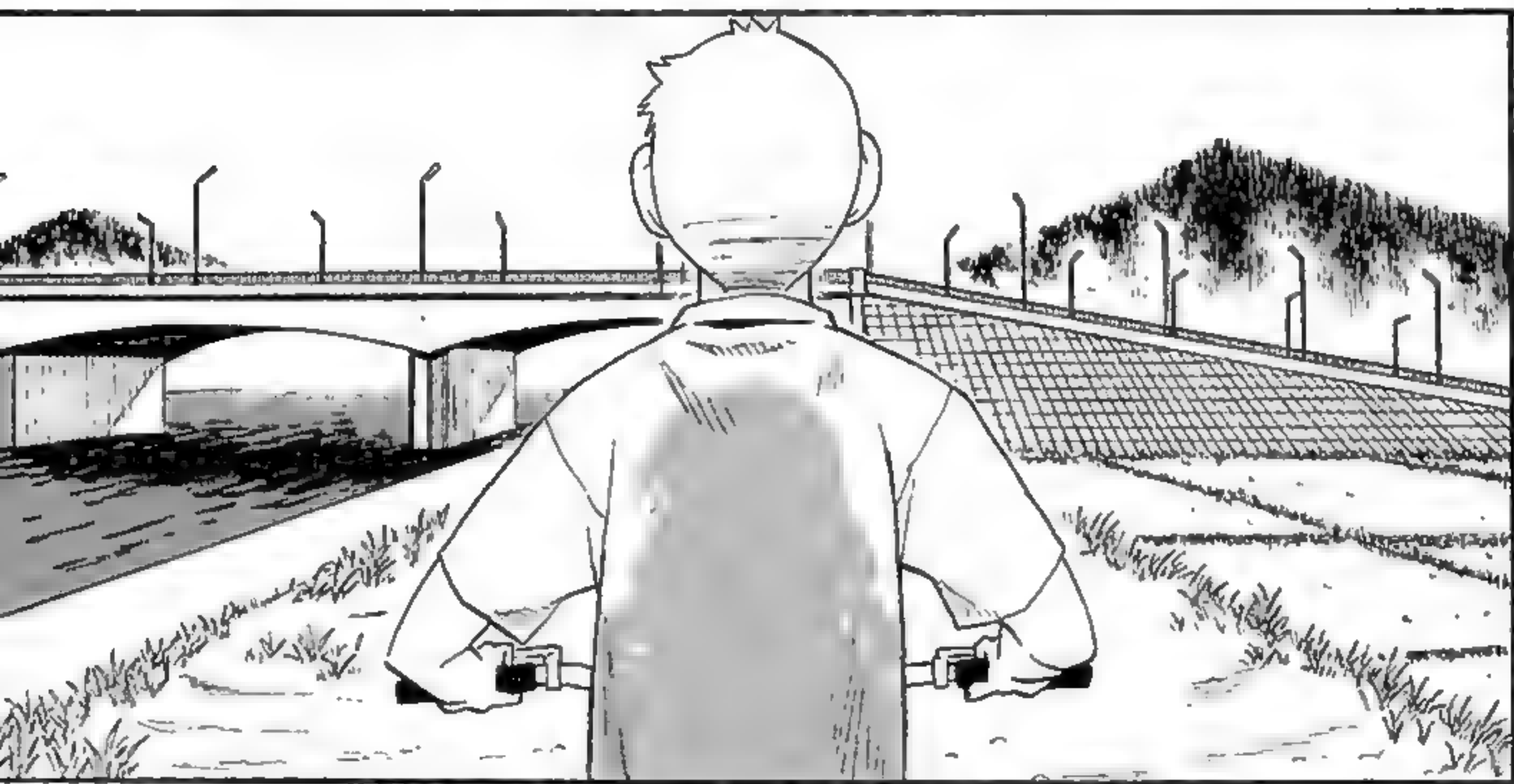


THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU ASK DAYS AFTER THE FACT.

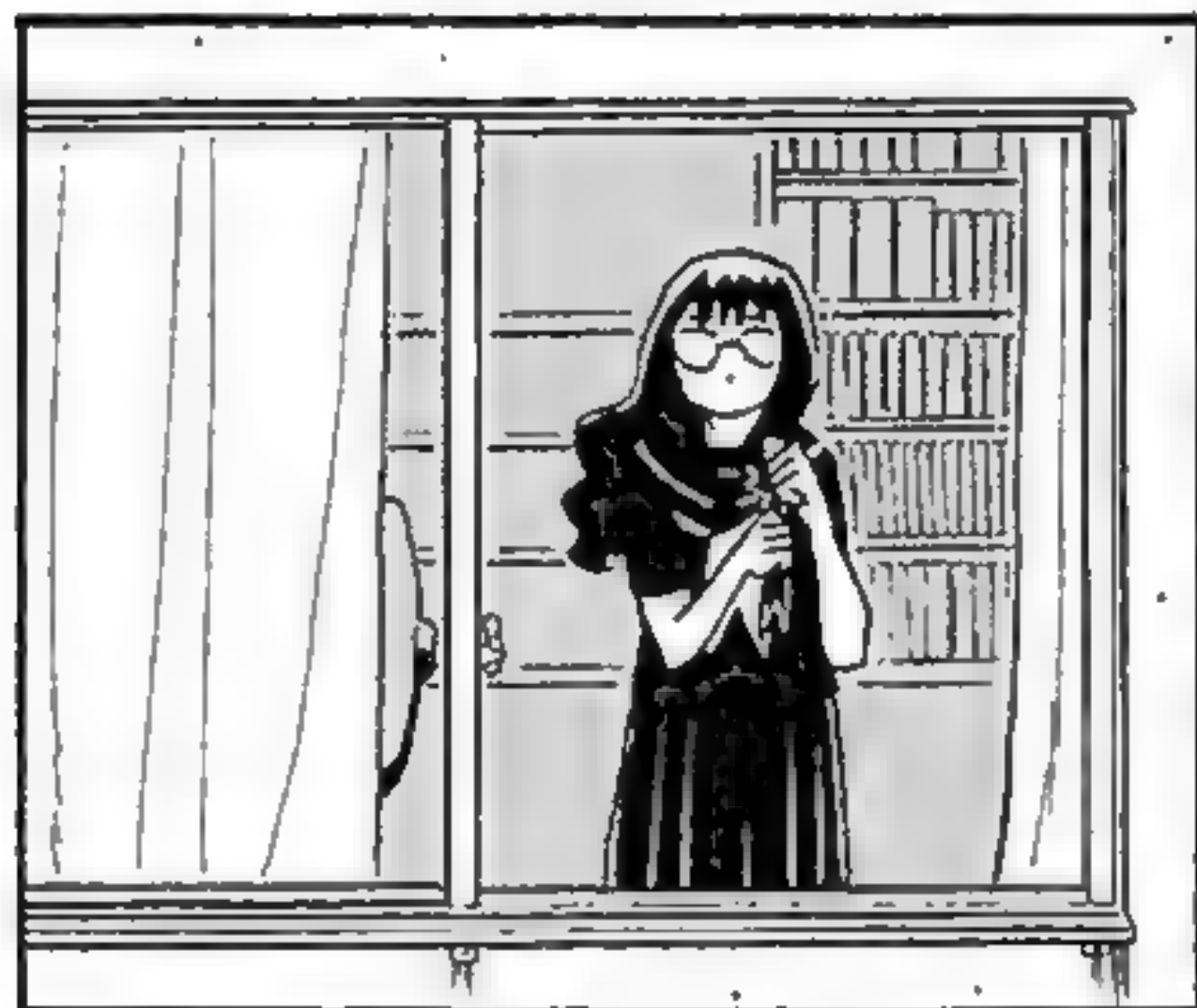
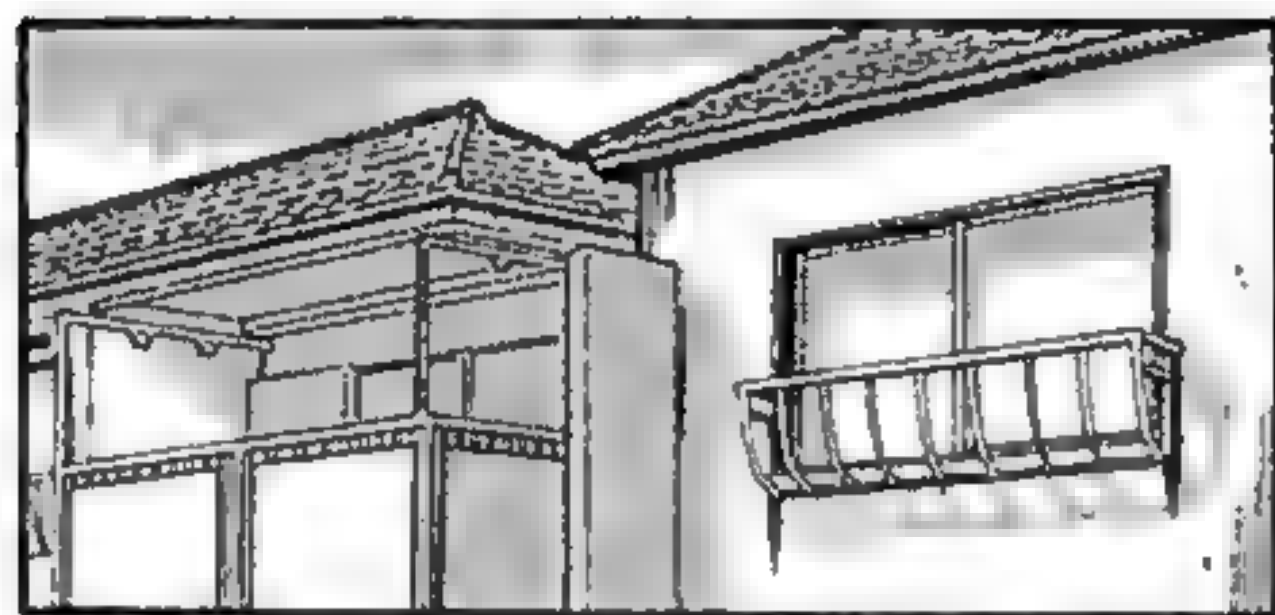


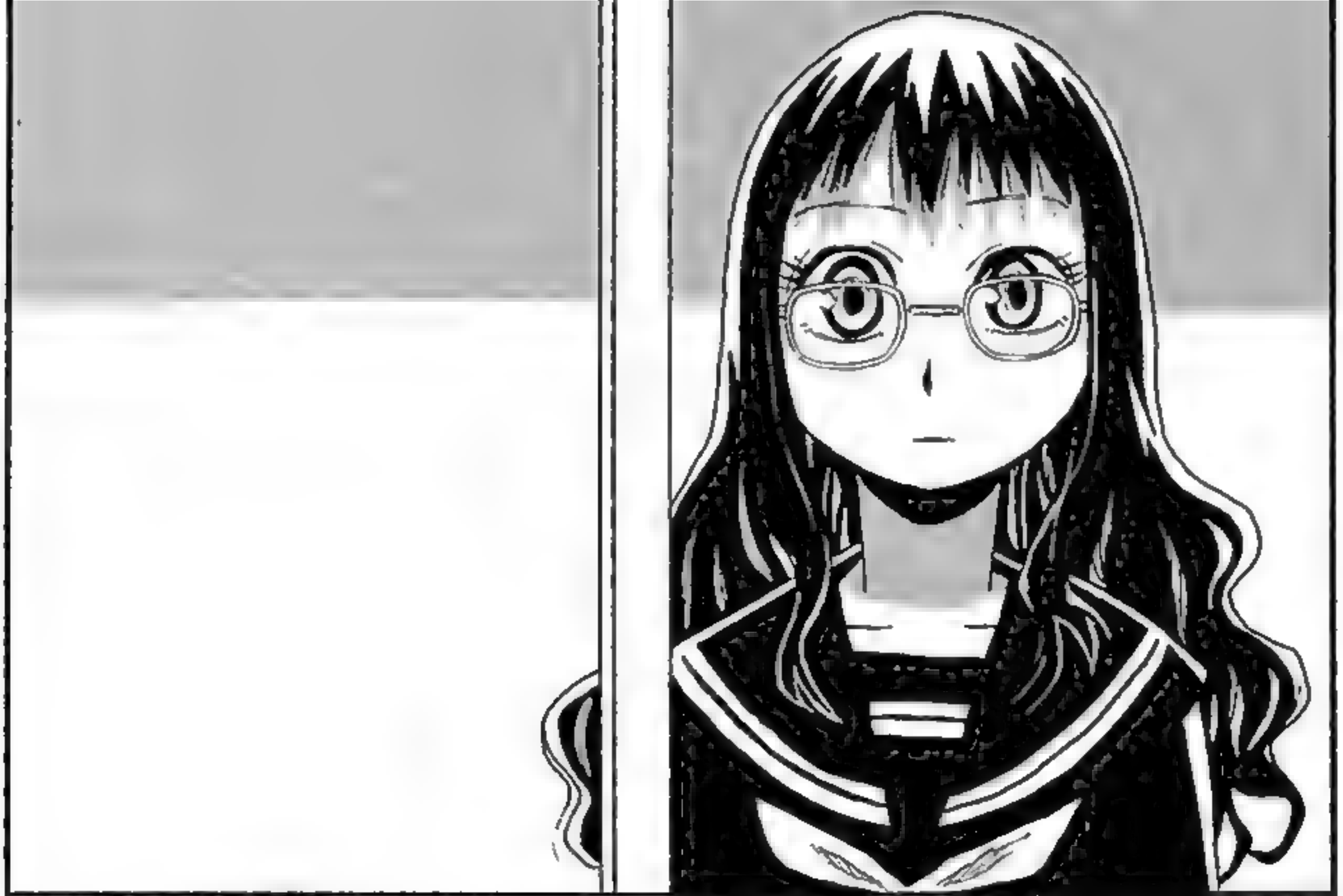












TAROU MUST
HAVE WISHED FOR
SORANO HANAKO TO
RECOVER INSTAN-
TANEOUSLY IF SHE
WAS FATALLY
INJURED.

WHEN HE
BECAME A
KNIGHT,



BUT HE STILL
CAME TO HER
RESCUE,

EVEN KNOW-
ING THAT THE
ATTACK
WOULD NOT
KILL HER.



WAS A
TRUE
HERO.

KUSAKABE
TAROU



THE POWER
TO PROTECT
OTHERS...



A
HERO...

THE PIC-
TURE OF
STRENGTH...



TO BECOME
STRONGER!

I WANT

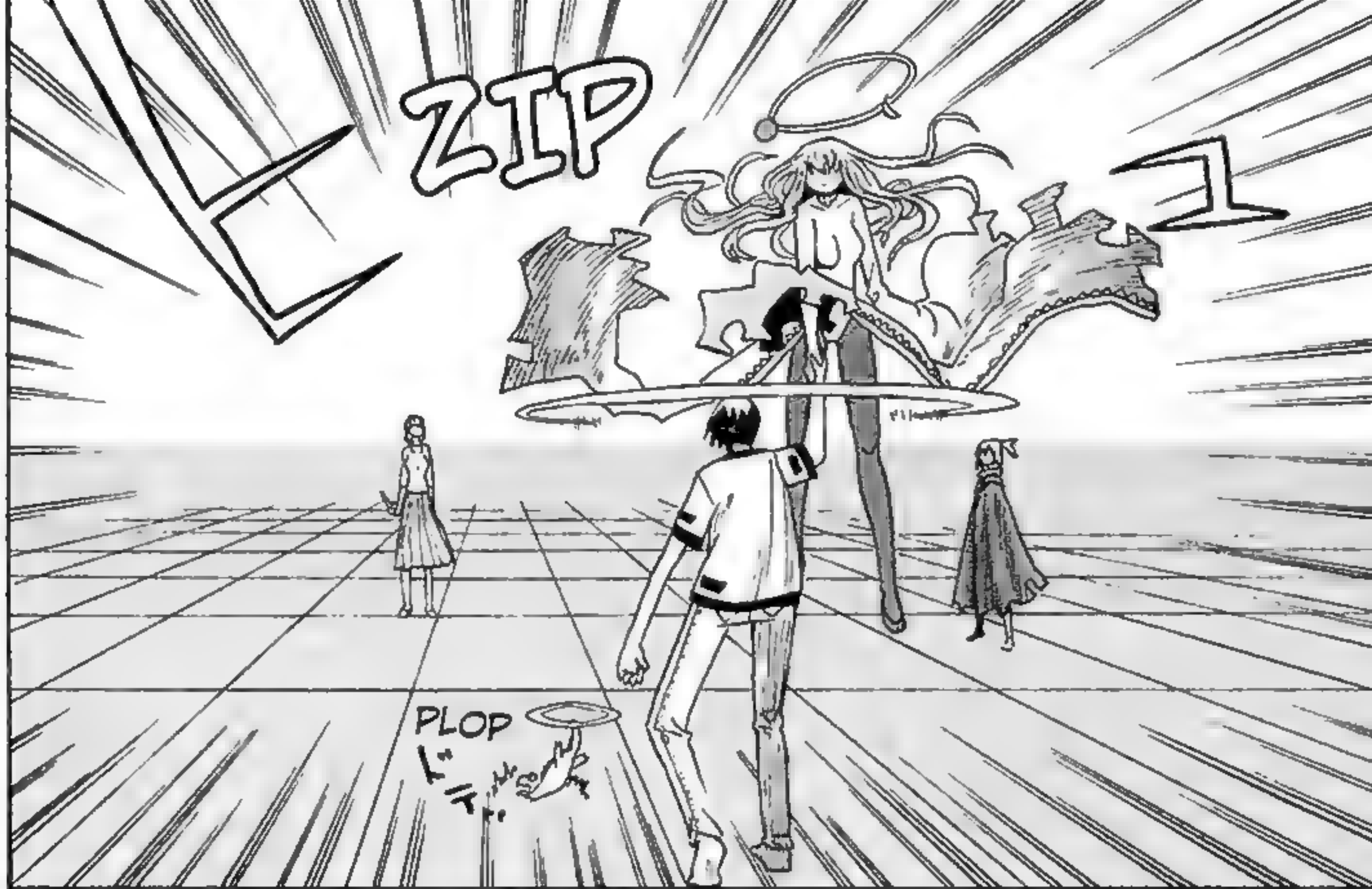


I'VE
DE-
CIDER.

NEU...





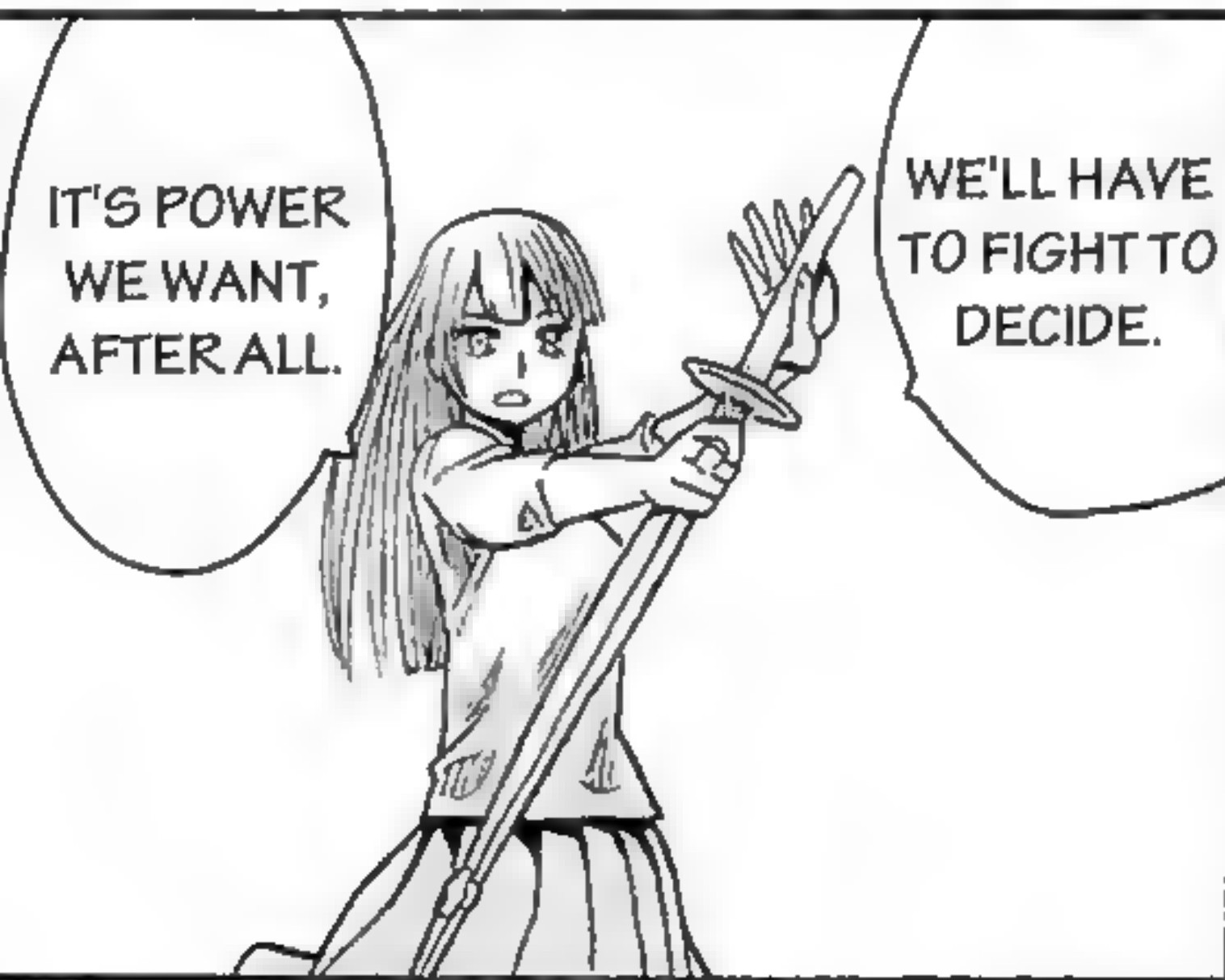




RUB



.....



IT'S POWER
WE WANT,
AFTER ALL.

WE'LL HAVE
TO FIGHT TO
DECIDE.



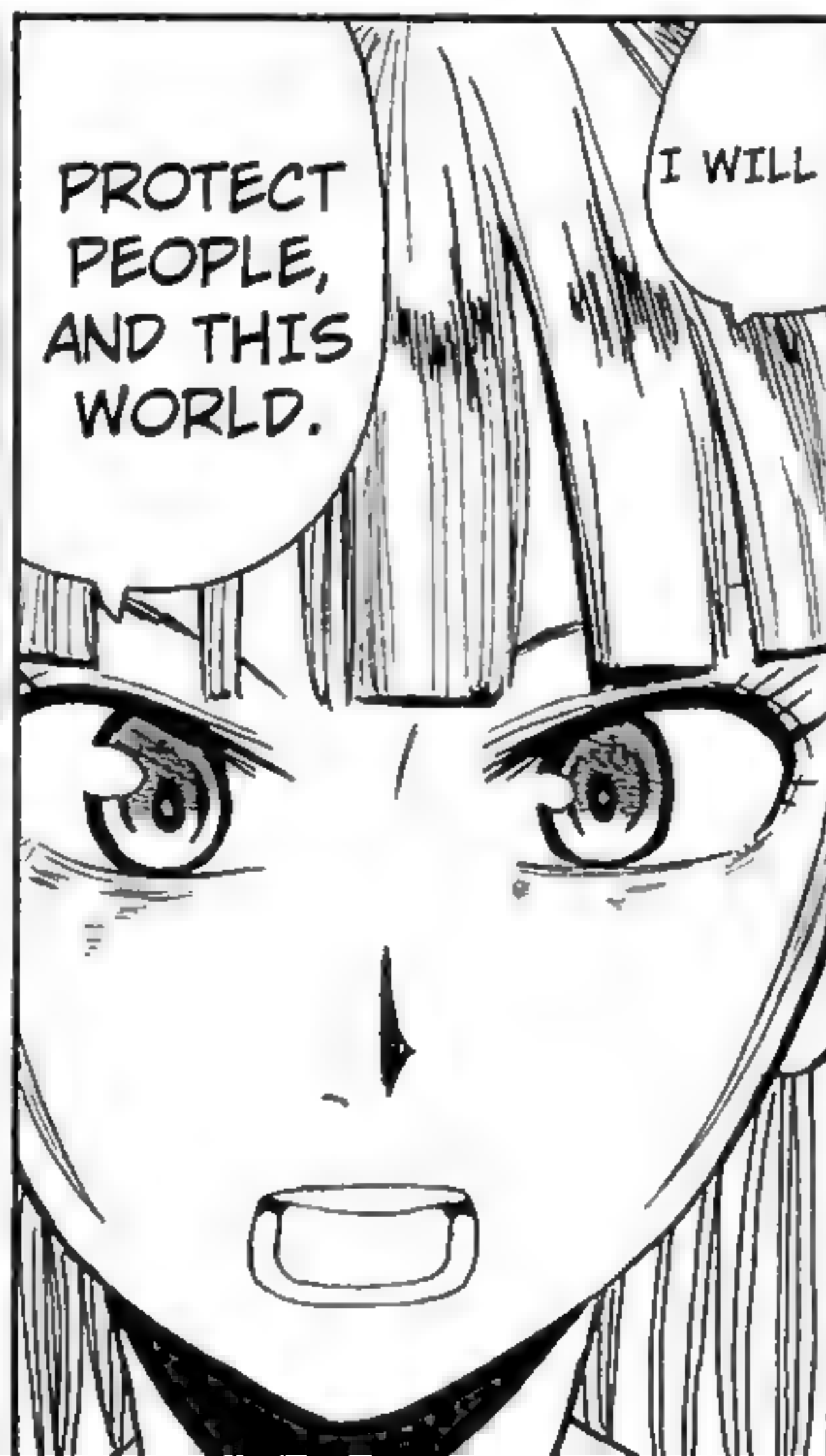
YOU
TWO
SHALL
DECIDE

AMA-
MIYA
YUUHI,
HAKU-
DOU
YAYOI.

WHICH
OF YOU
SHALL
BECOME
INVIS-
IBLE.



SHE'S
BEEN
CRYING.



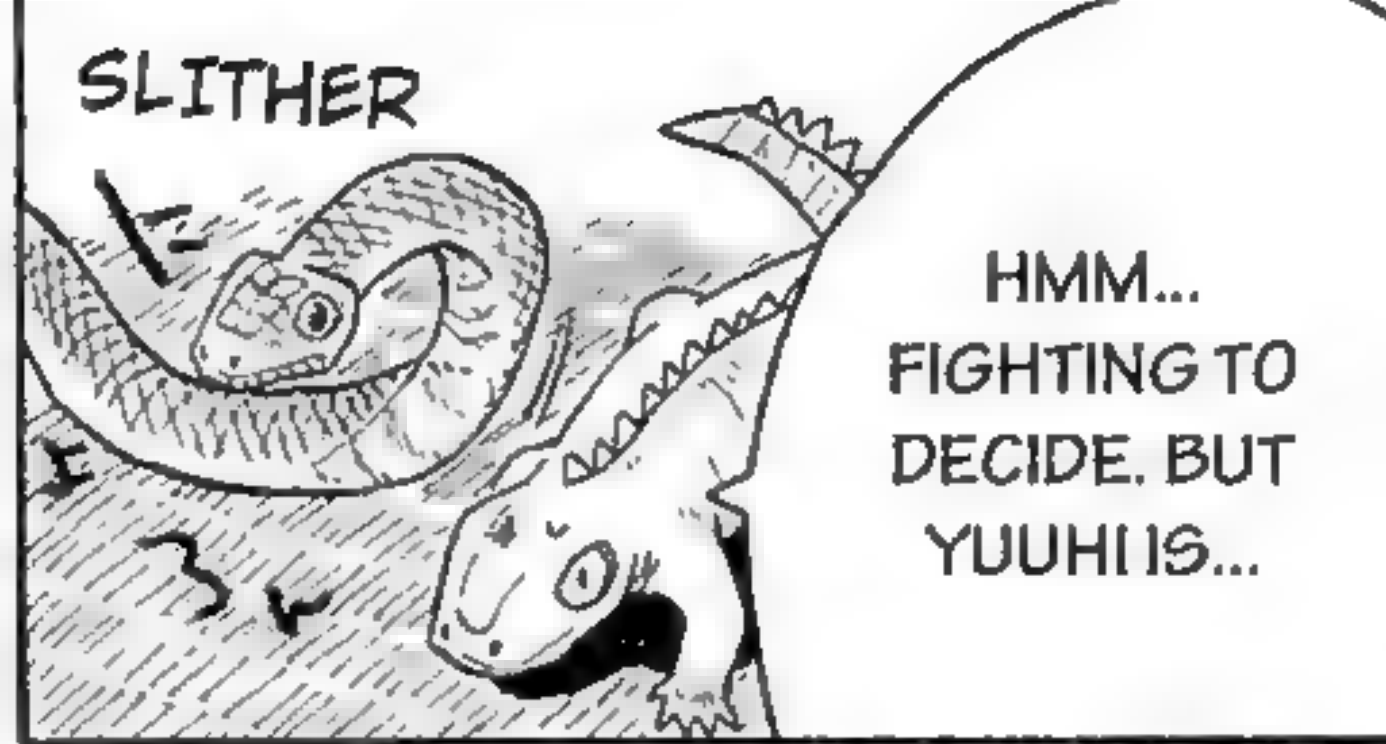
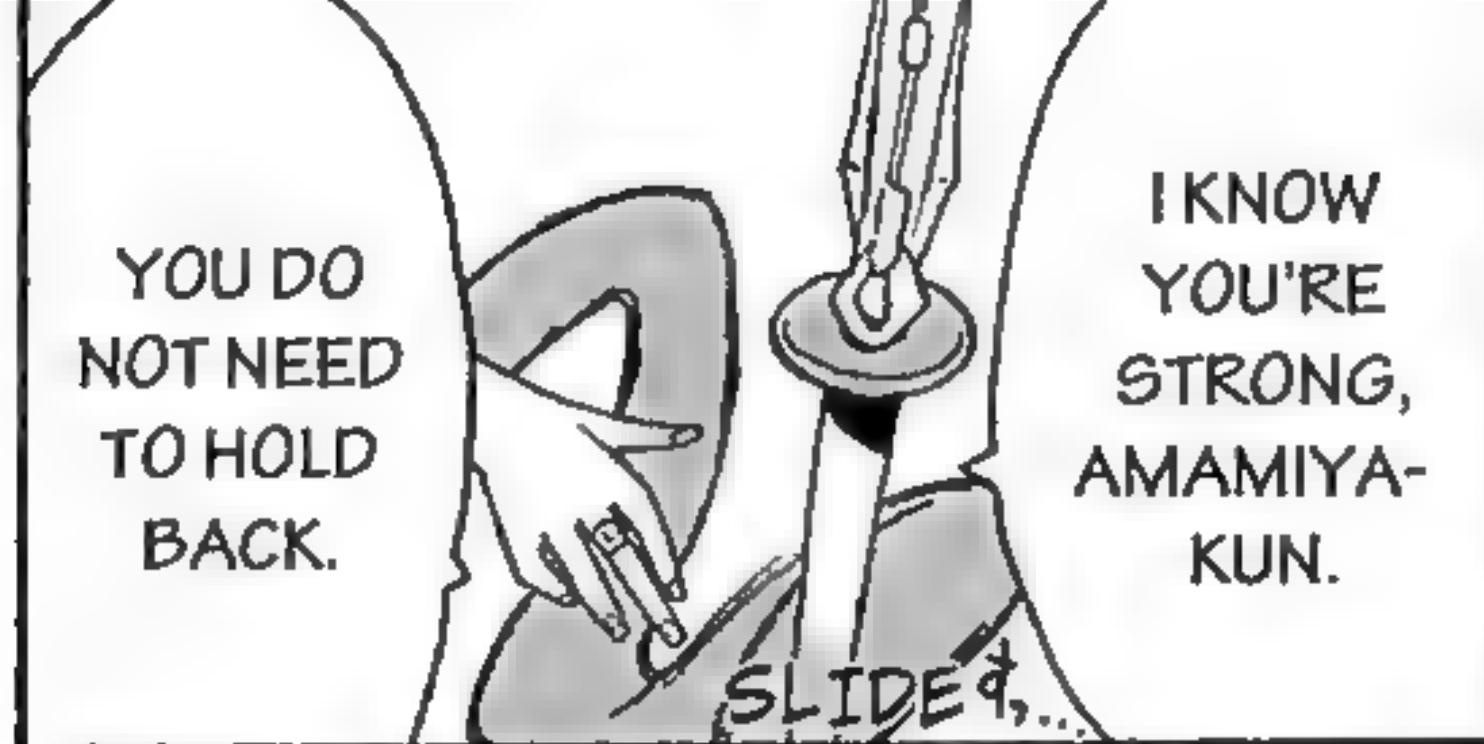
PROTECT
PEOPLE,
AND THIS
WORLD.

I WILL

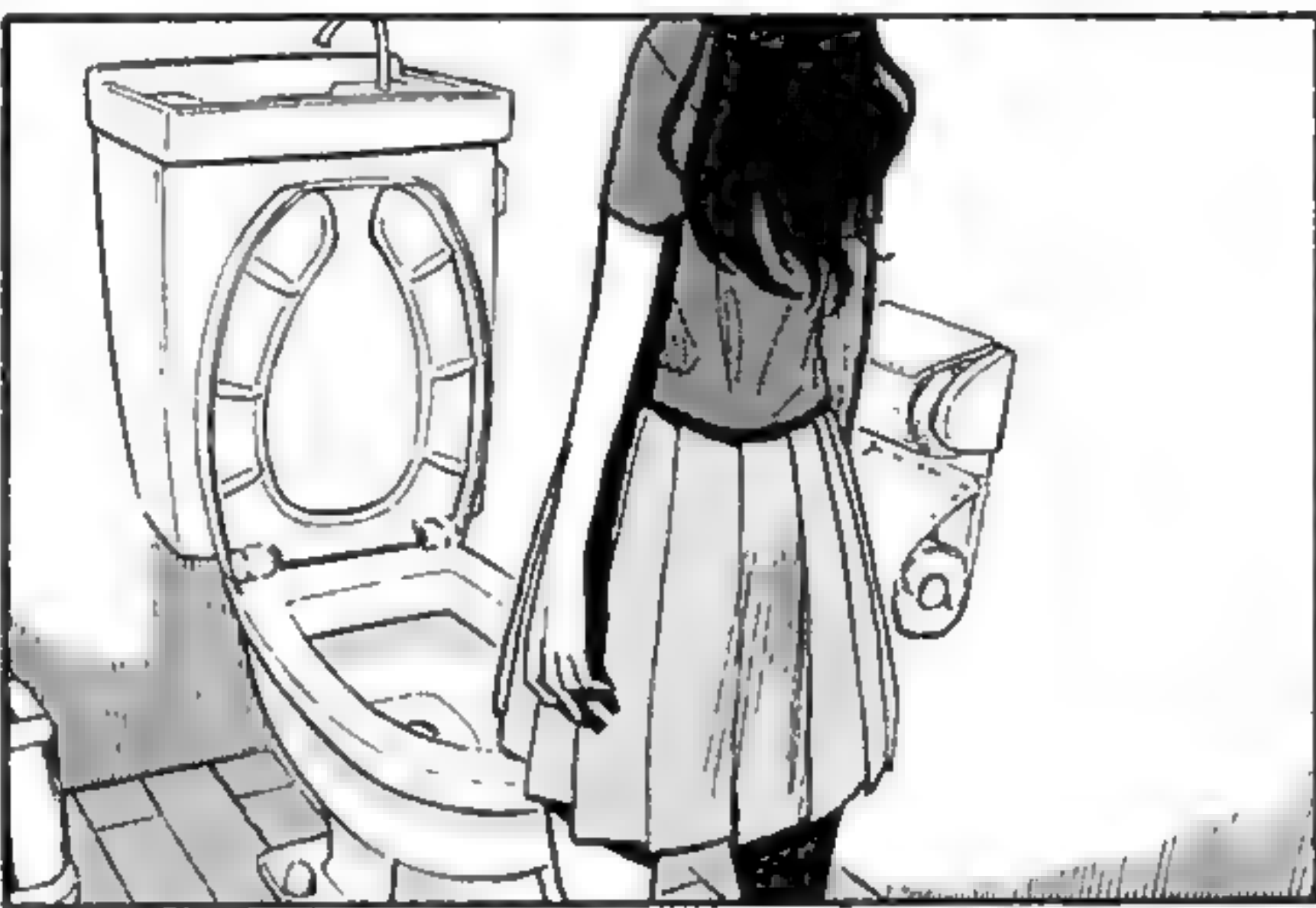
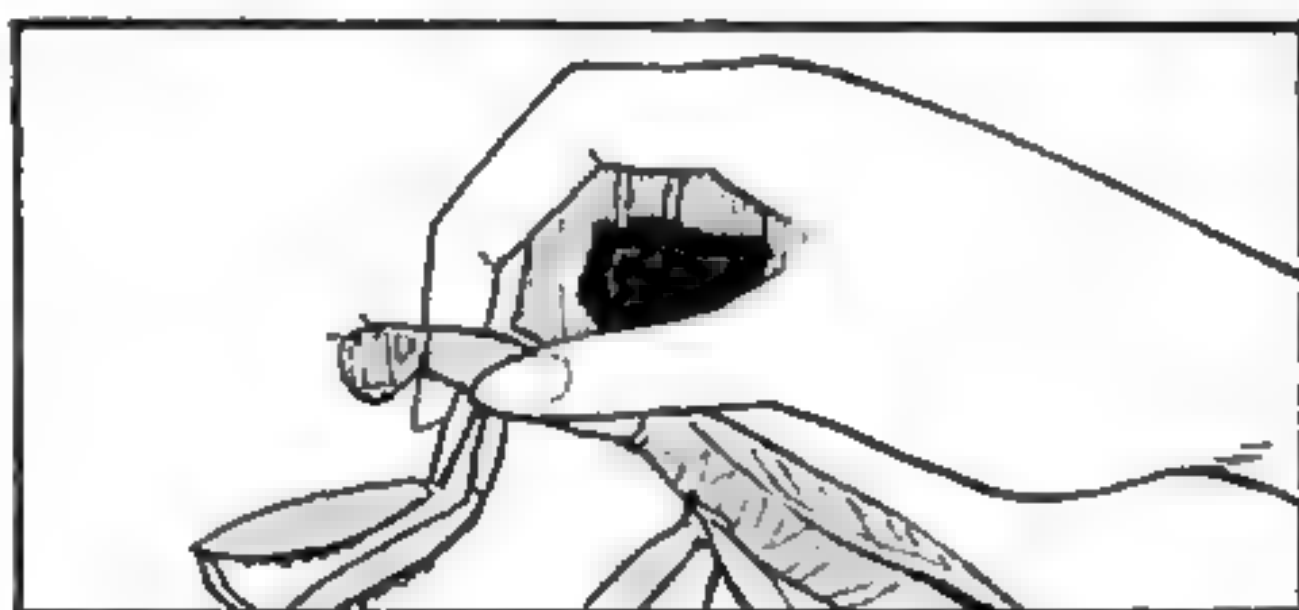
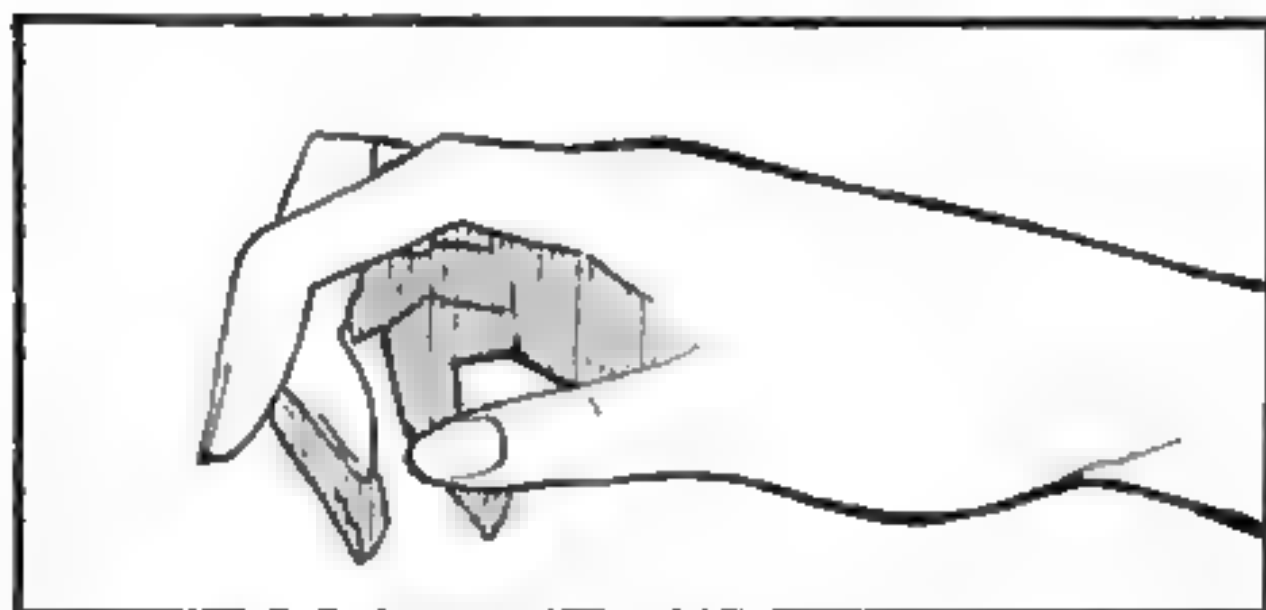


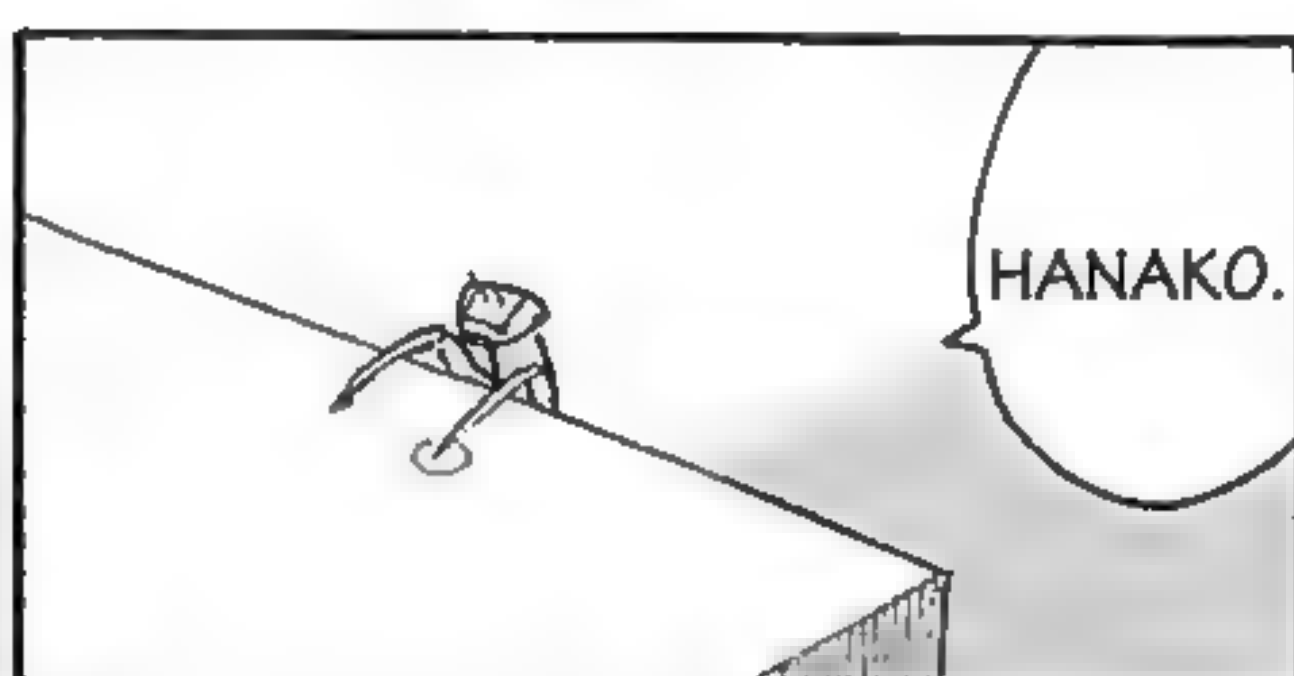
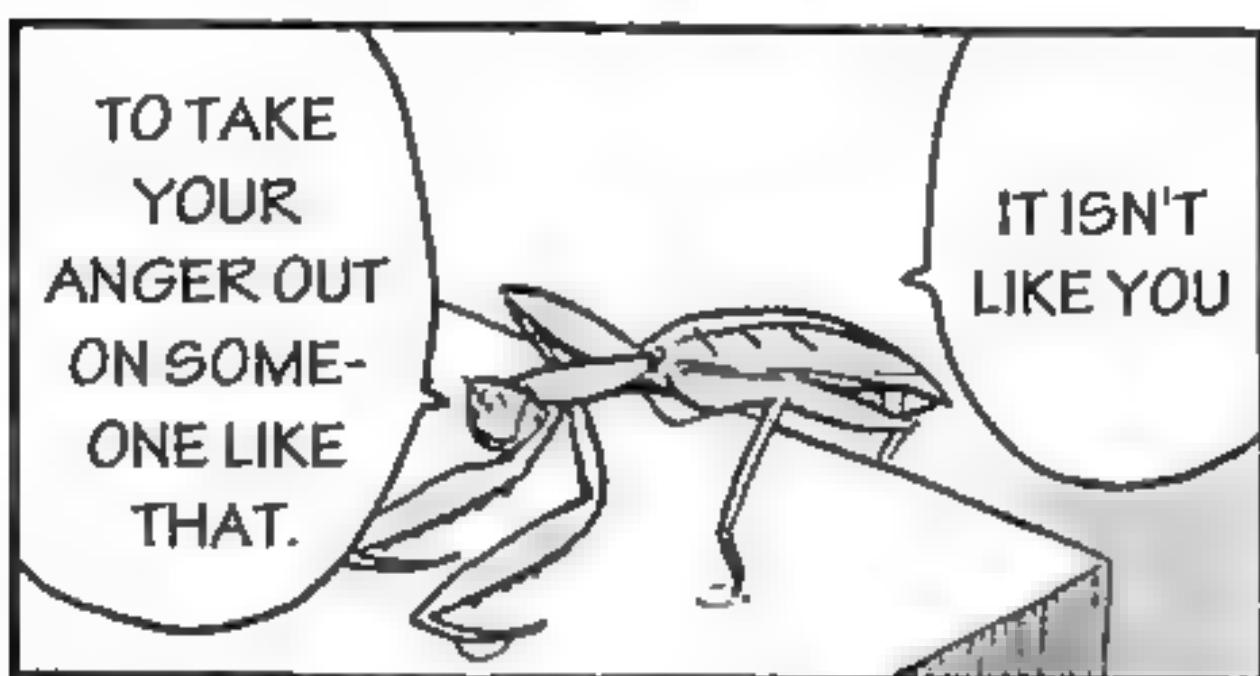
PO-
WER.

I DESIRE



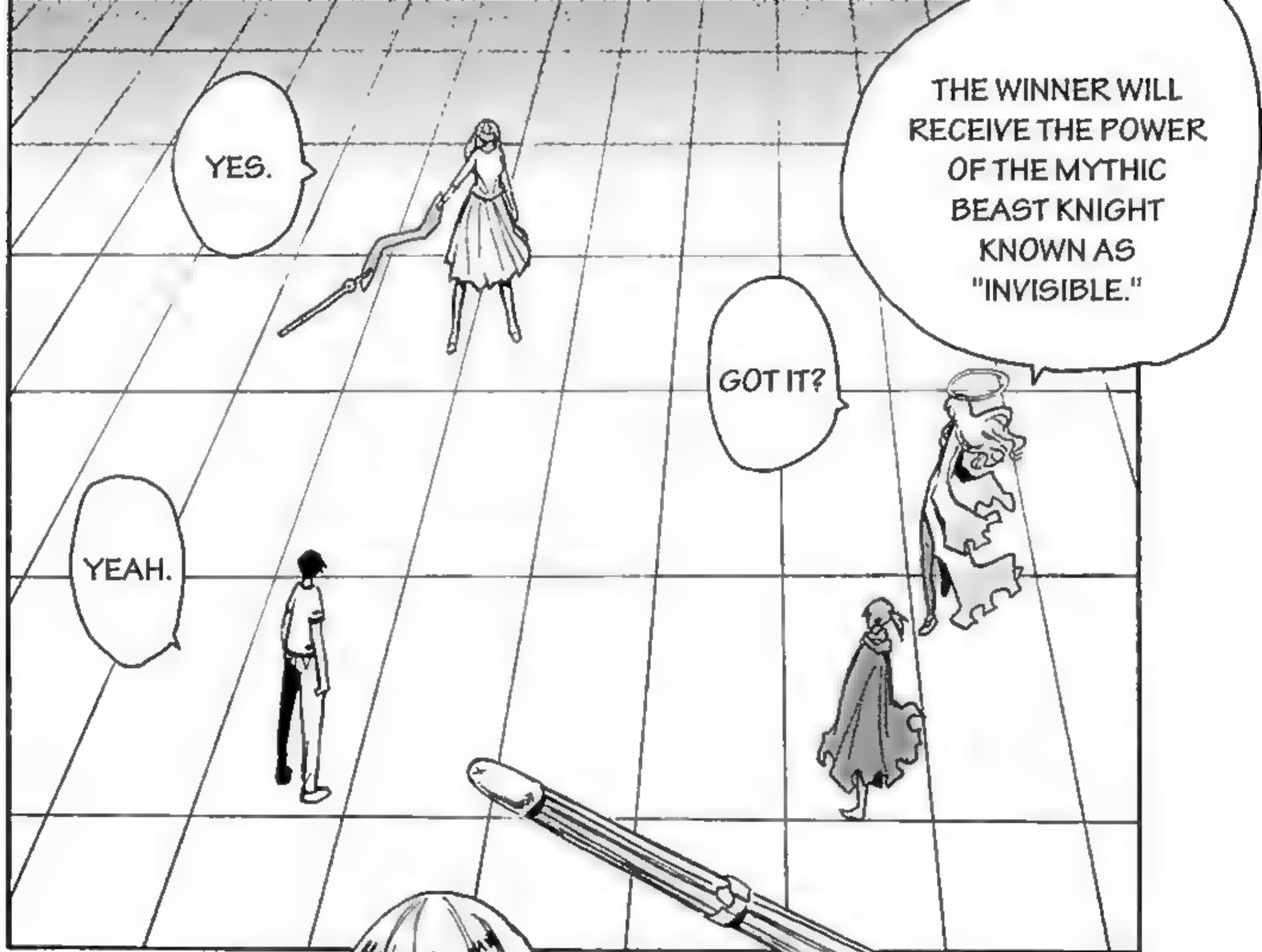
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CHAPTER 39: INVISIBLE





MY BIGGEST
ADVANTAGE IN
THIS SITUATION

STRIKES FROM A
WEAPON CON-
TROLLED BY HER
HOLDING FIELD...



THE
HOUTENGEKI
DOESN'T
WORK ON
HUMANS.

I HAVE
SHINONOME-
SAN'S MAR-
TIAL ARTS
AND
HOUTENGEKI
AT MY DIS-
POSAL...



I CAN GET
SERIOUS
WITHOUT
KILLING
HER.

IS THAT MY
POWER
ISN'T TOO
HIGH.

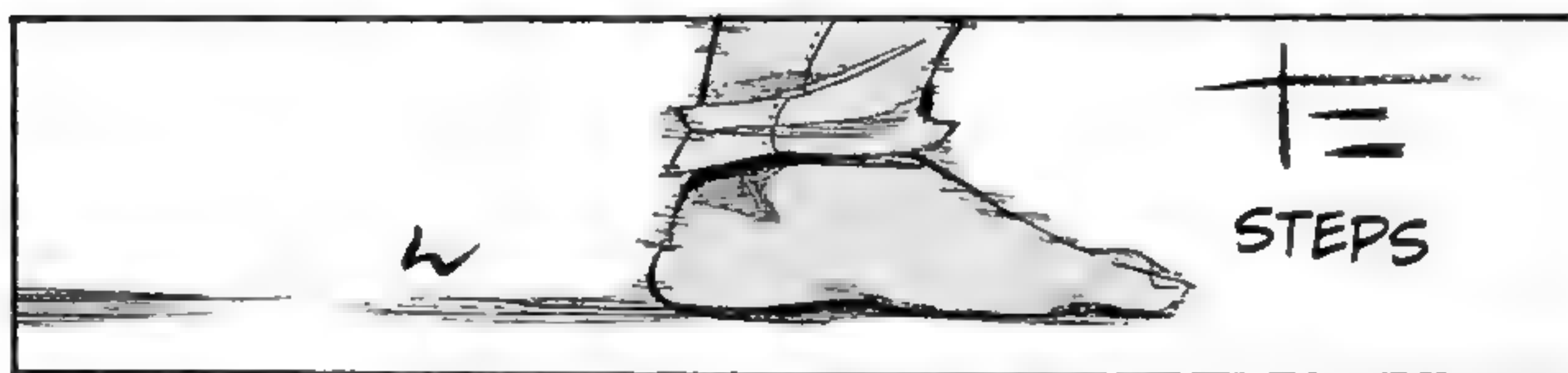


SO...

IF HE GETS
IN CLOSE,
I'LL LOSE.



BUT I COULD
WIN IN A
CLOSE-
RANGE
BATTLE.





SHE'S FAST!

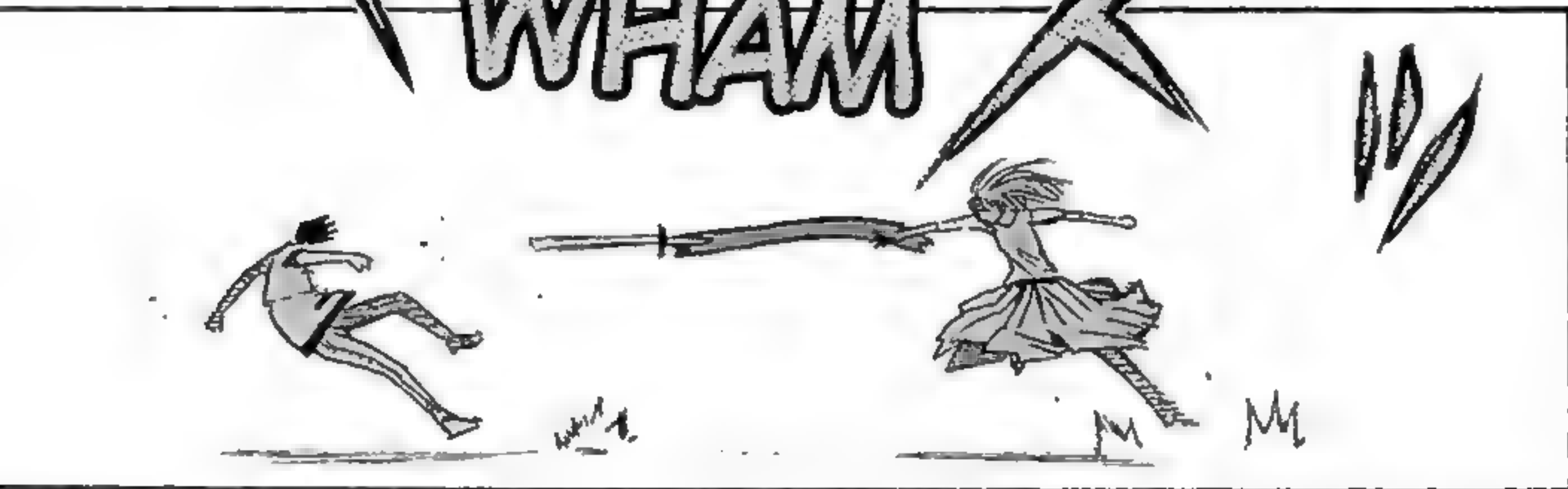
HOW CAN I
CORNER HER?!

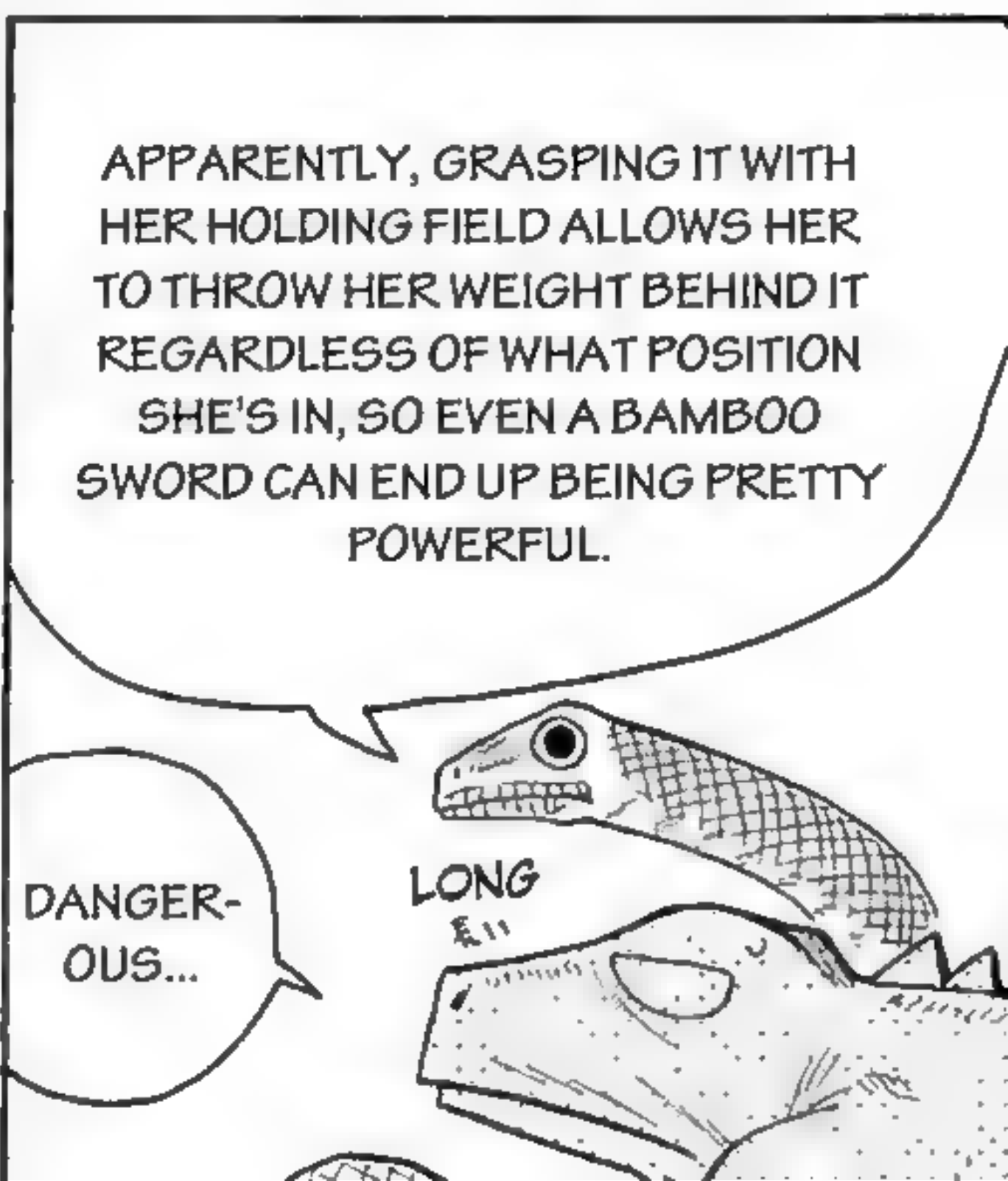


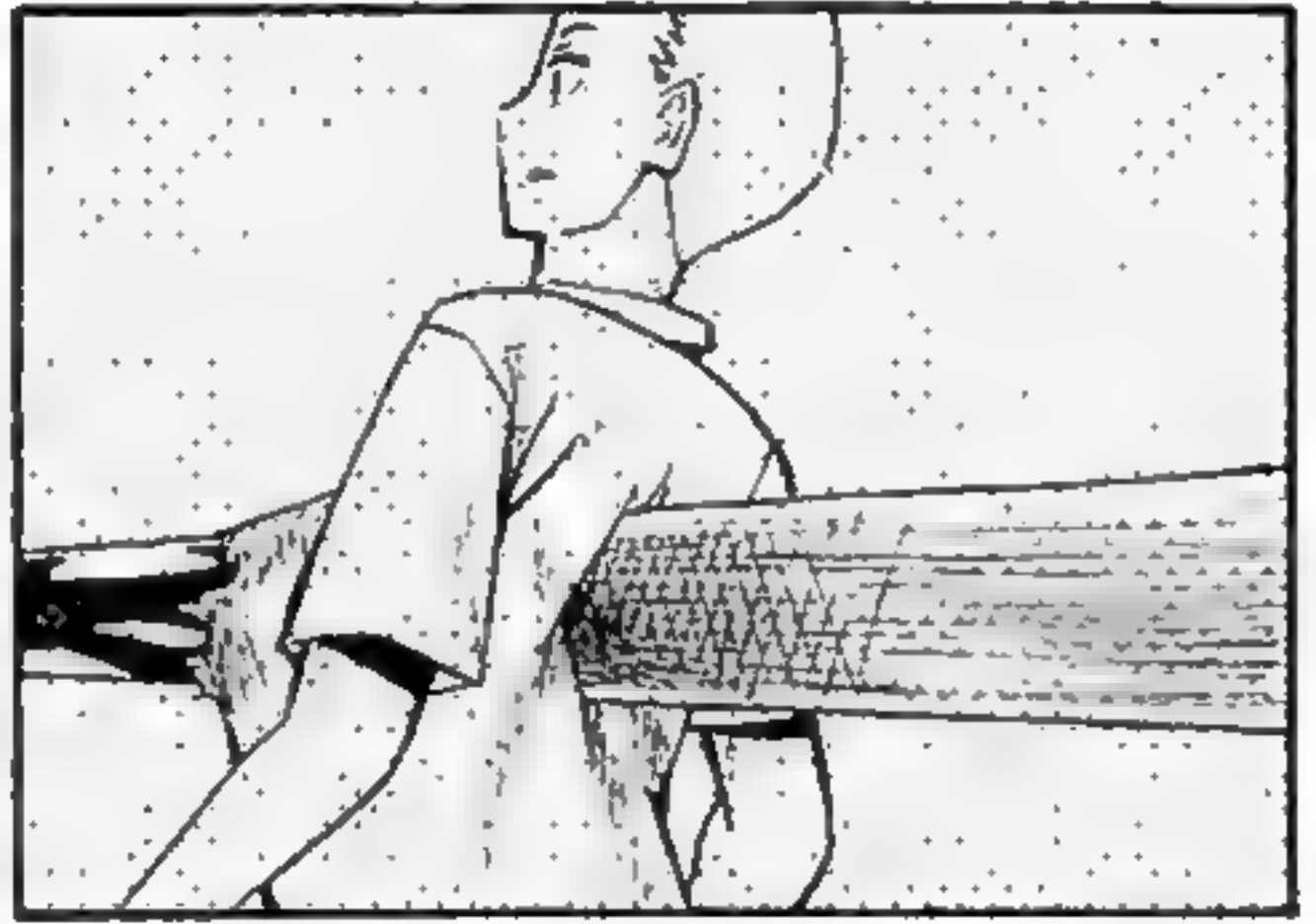
SO THIS IS THE DISTANCE
SHE'S TRYING TO KEEP?!



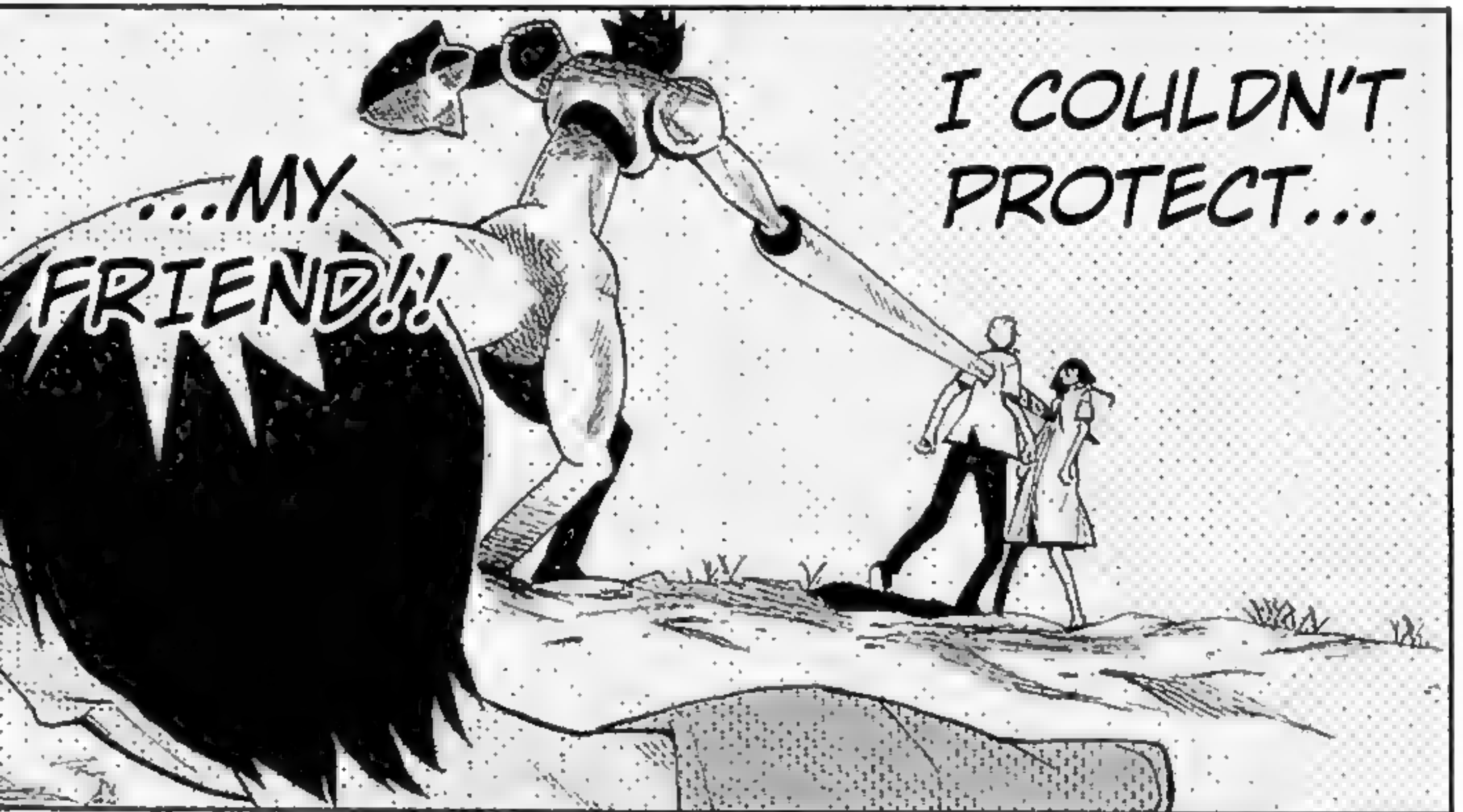
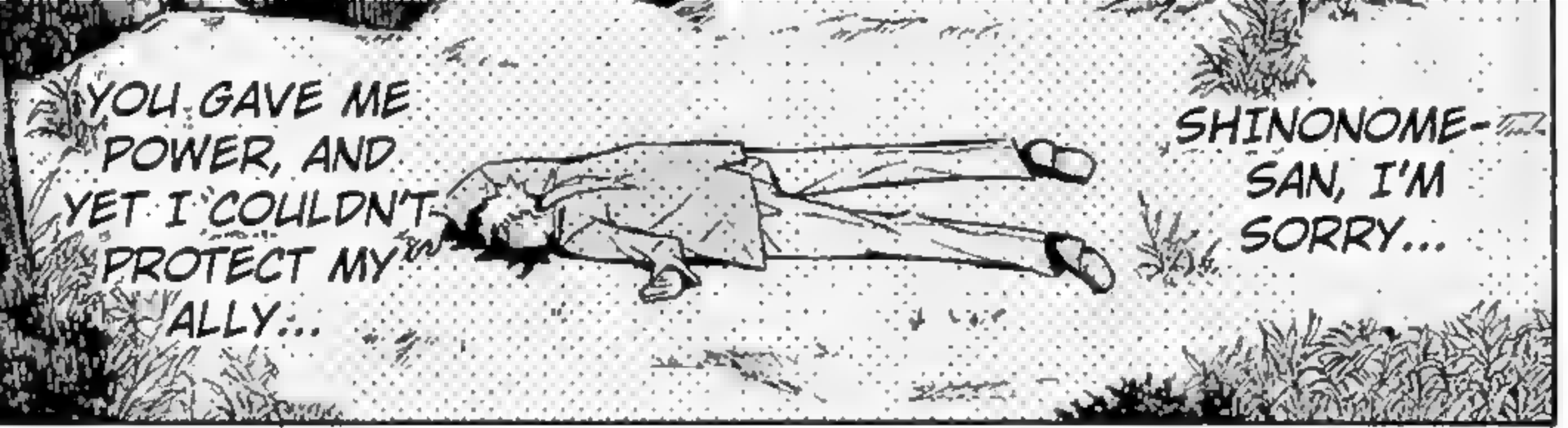
WHAM



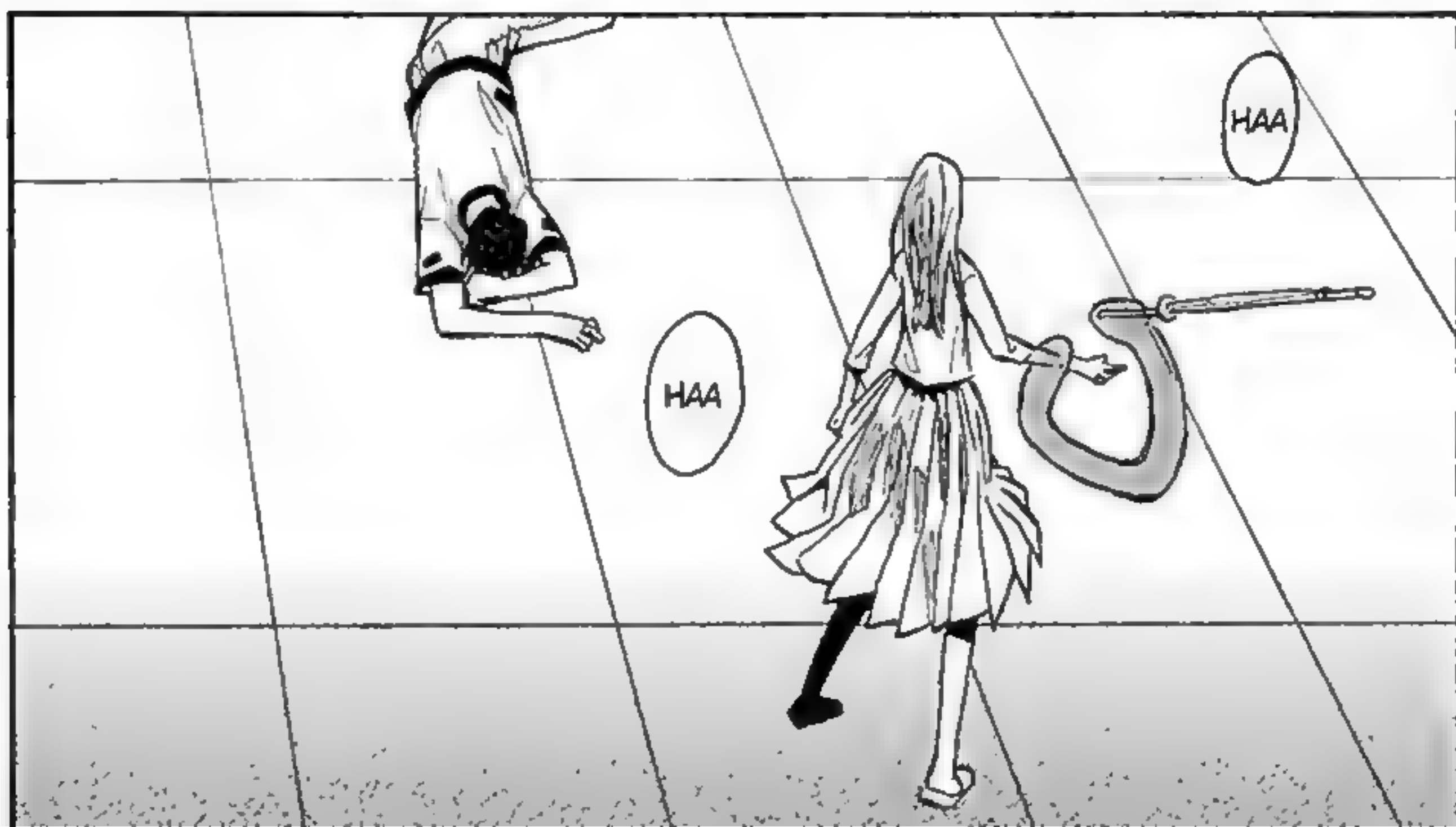


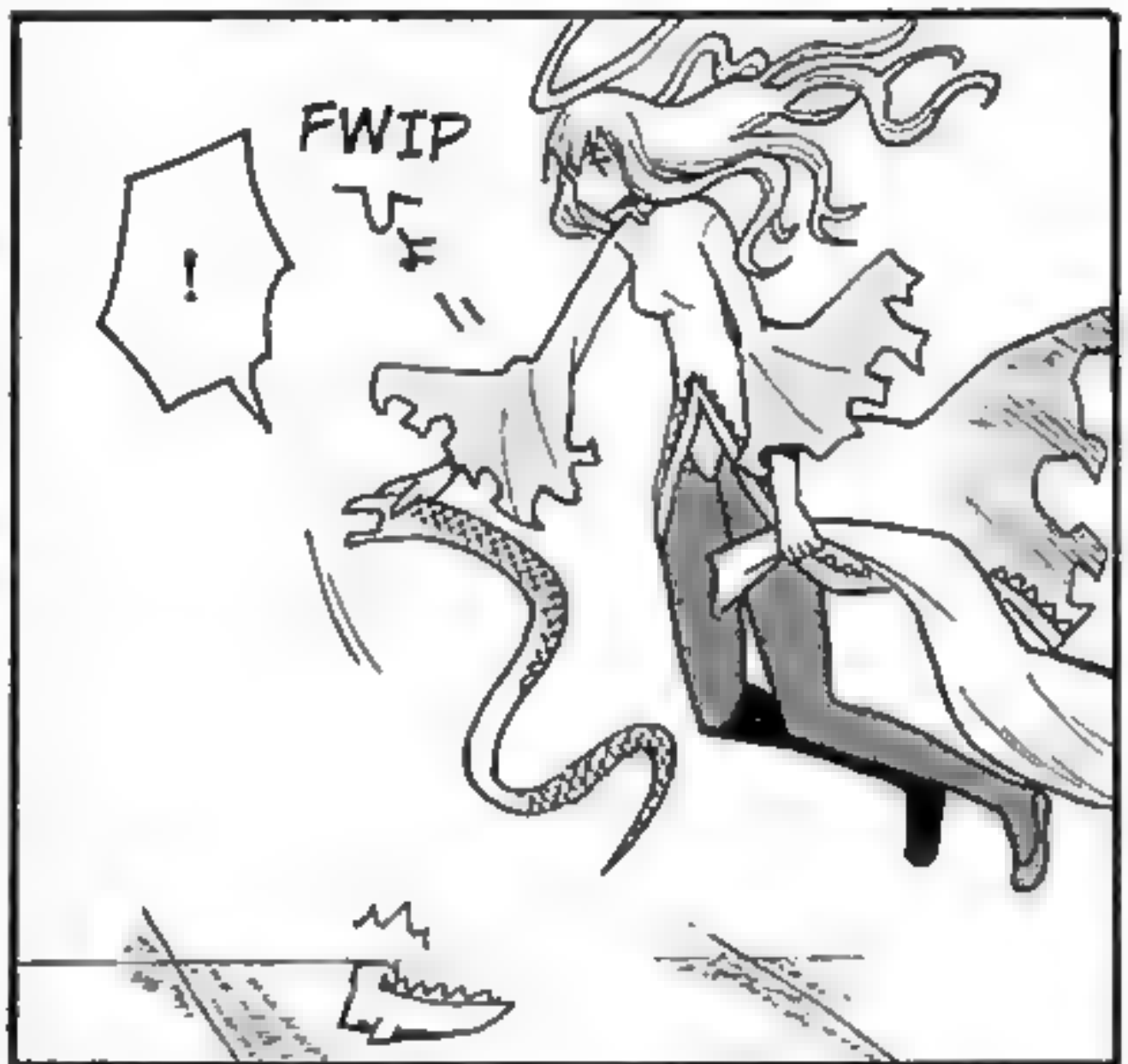






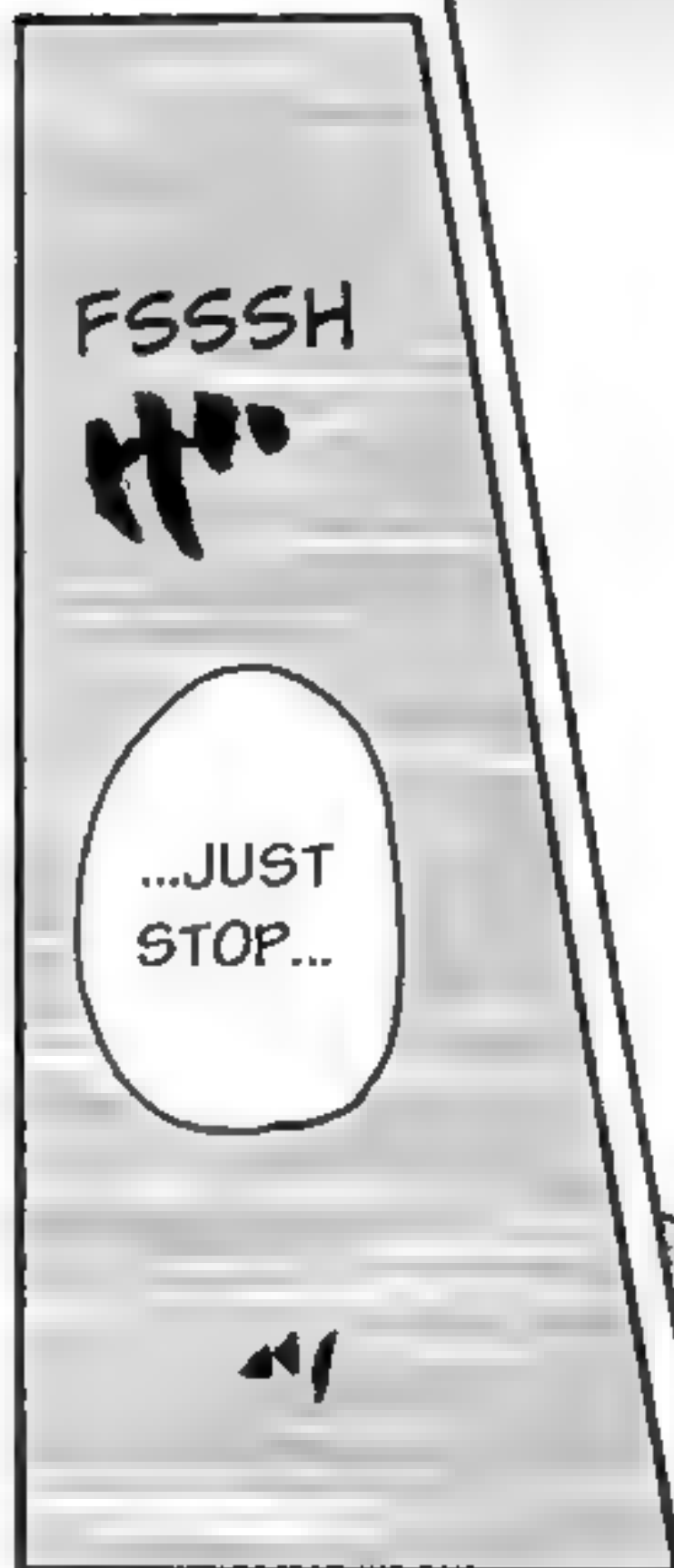
GODDAM-
MIT!!



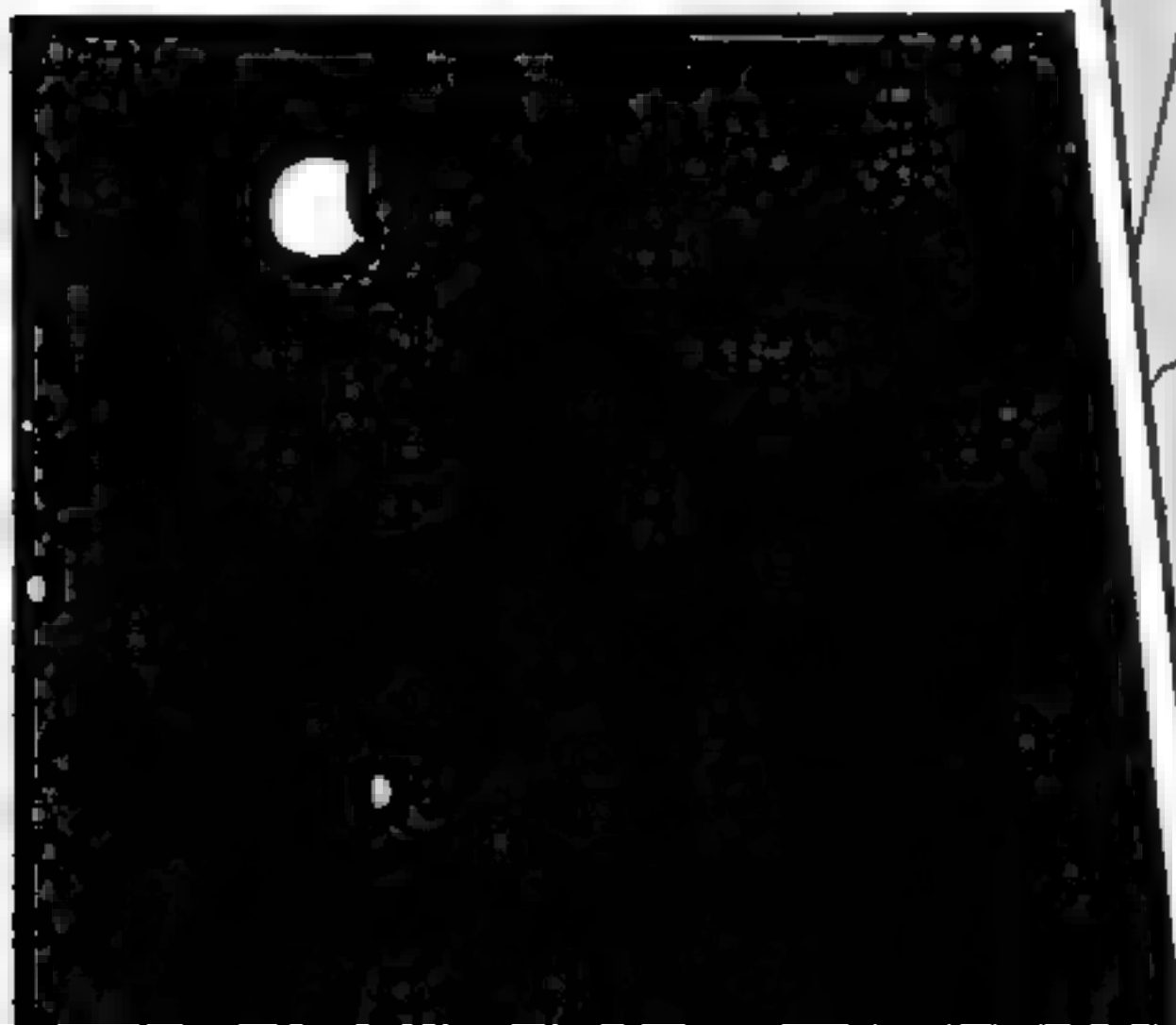




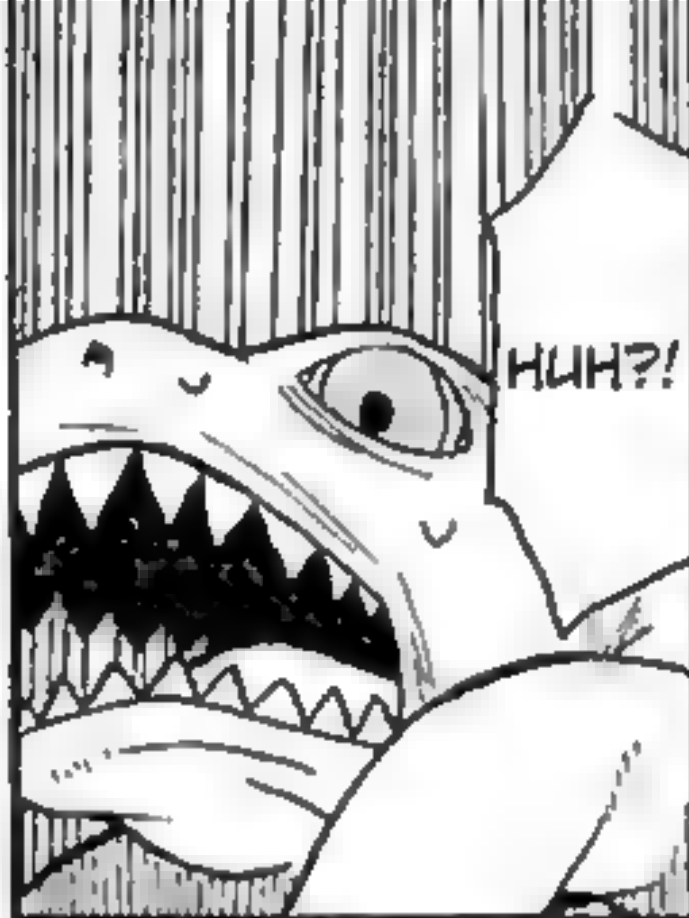




SO...







YU...
YULHI-
IIII?!





NO OFFENSE, BUT I
DON'T REALLY WANT
TO BECOME THE
CENTERPIECE OF
SOME WEIRD SCENE
WHERE A GUY GETS
BURIED IN THE
MOUNTAINS WHILE
IT'S RAINING.

UHH...

...WELL,
YOU
HEARD
HIM.

HOP
TO IT.

YEAH... I
GUESS YOU
COULD SAY
THAT...

DID YOU
DROP YOUR
WALLET OR
SOME-
THING?

YANK

LOOK
AT YOUR-
SELF!

C'MON,
MAN!

HIE
SKRITCH

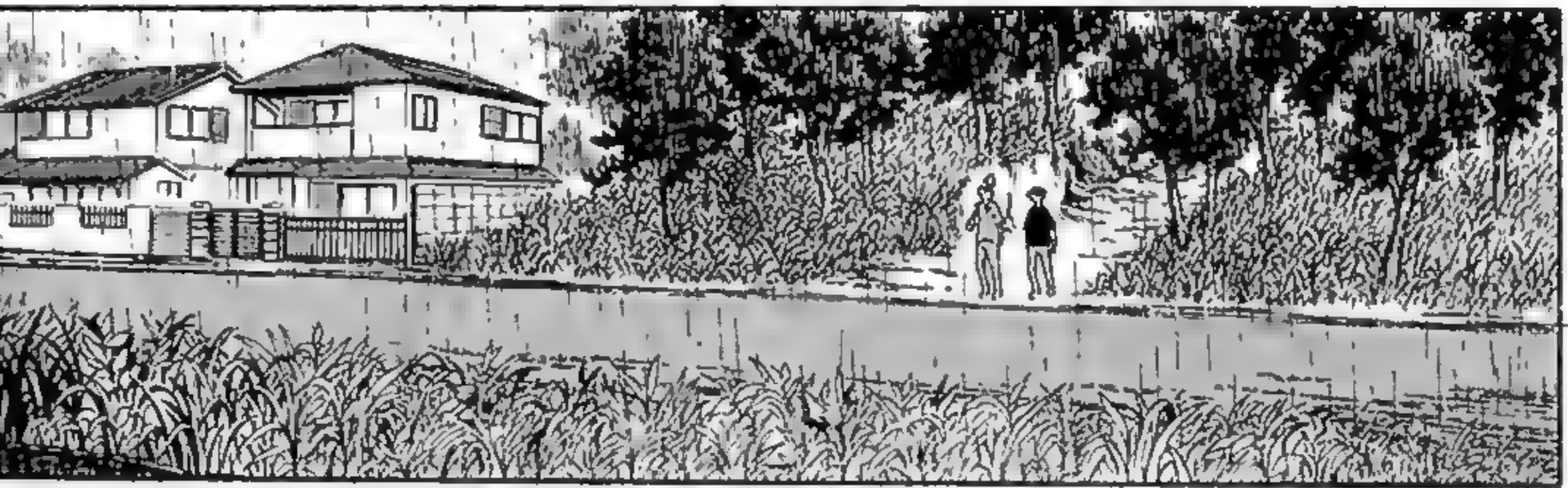
WANT ME
TO LEND
YOU
SOME
CASH?

YOU'RE
SOME-
THING
ELSE.

NAH.

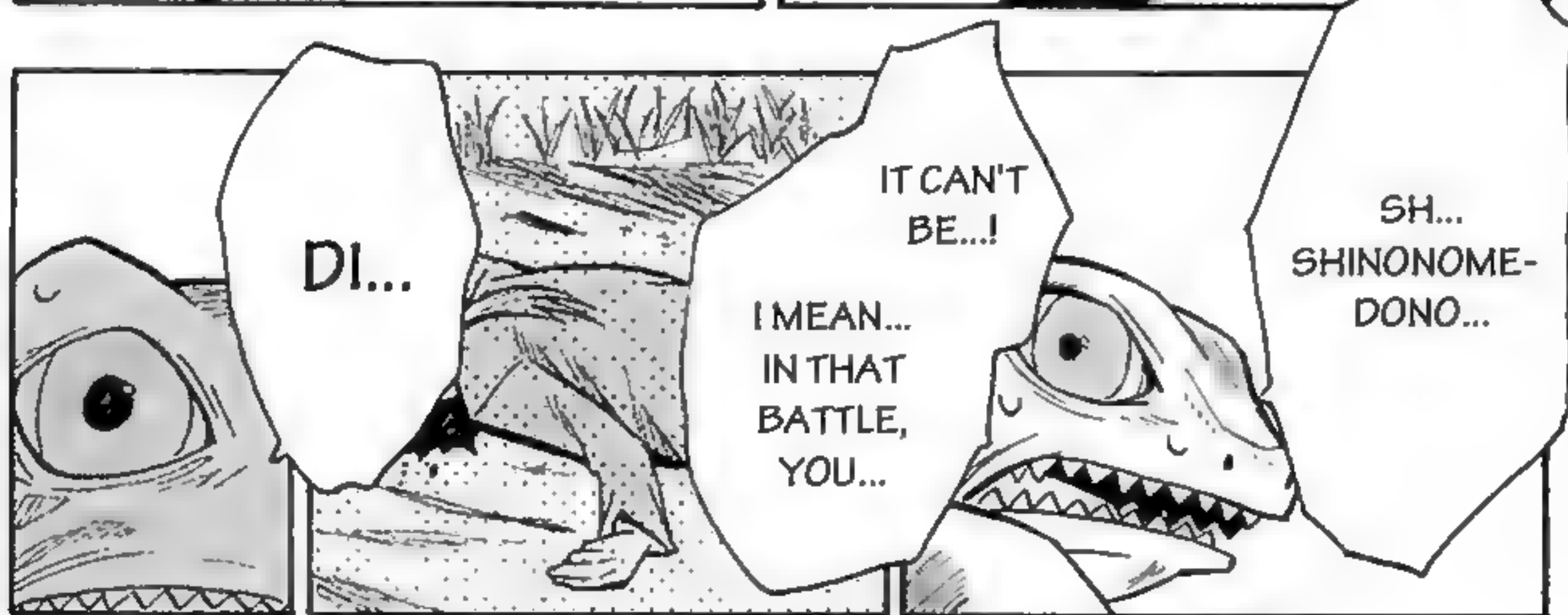
THE
THREE
OF US...

LET'S
FORGET
ABOUT IT
OVER SOME
DRINKS,
THEN!

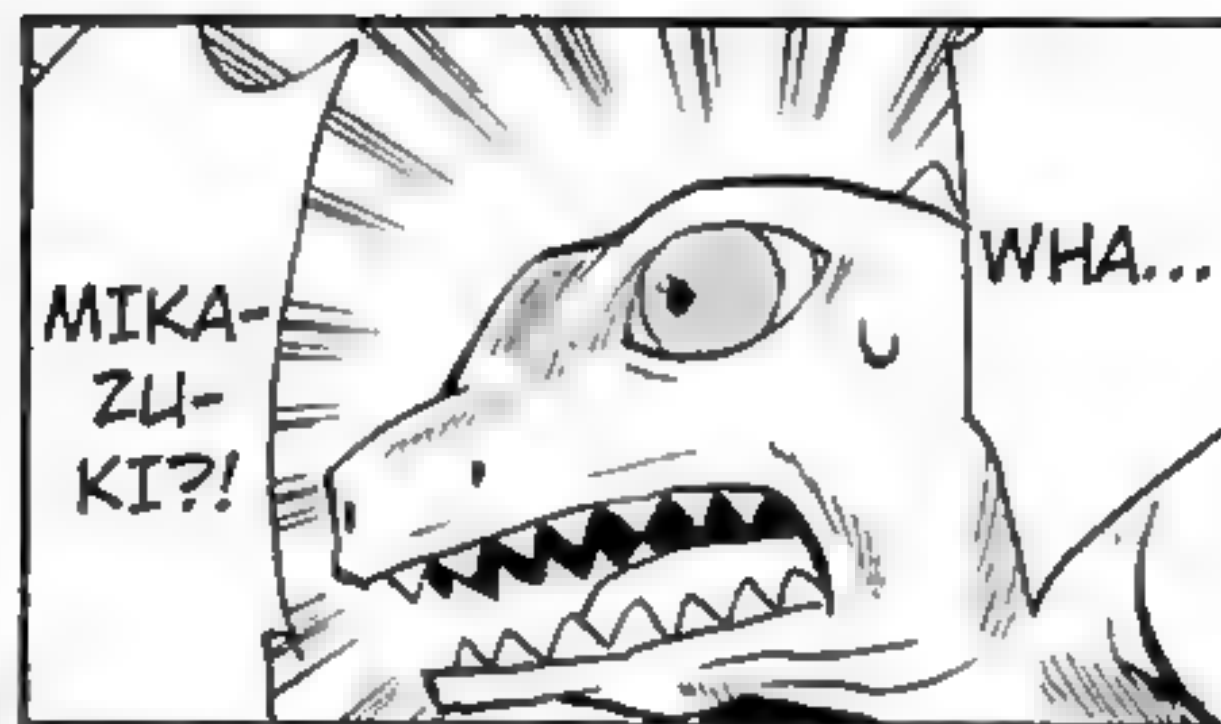


FSSSSSSSSSHH









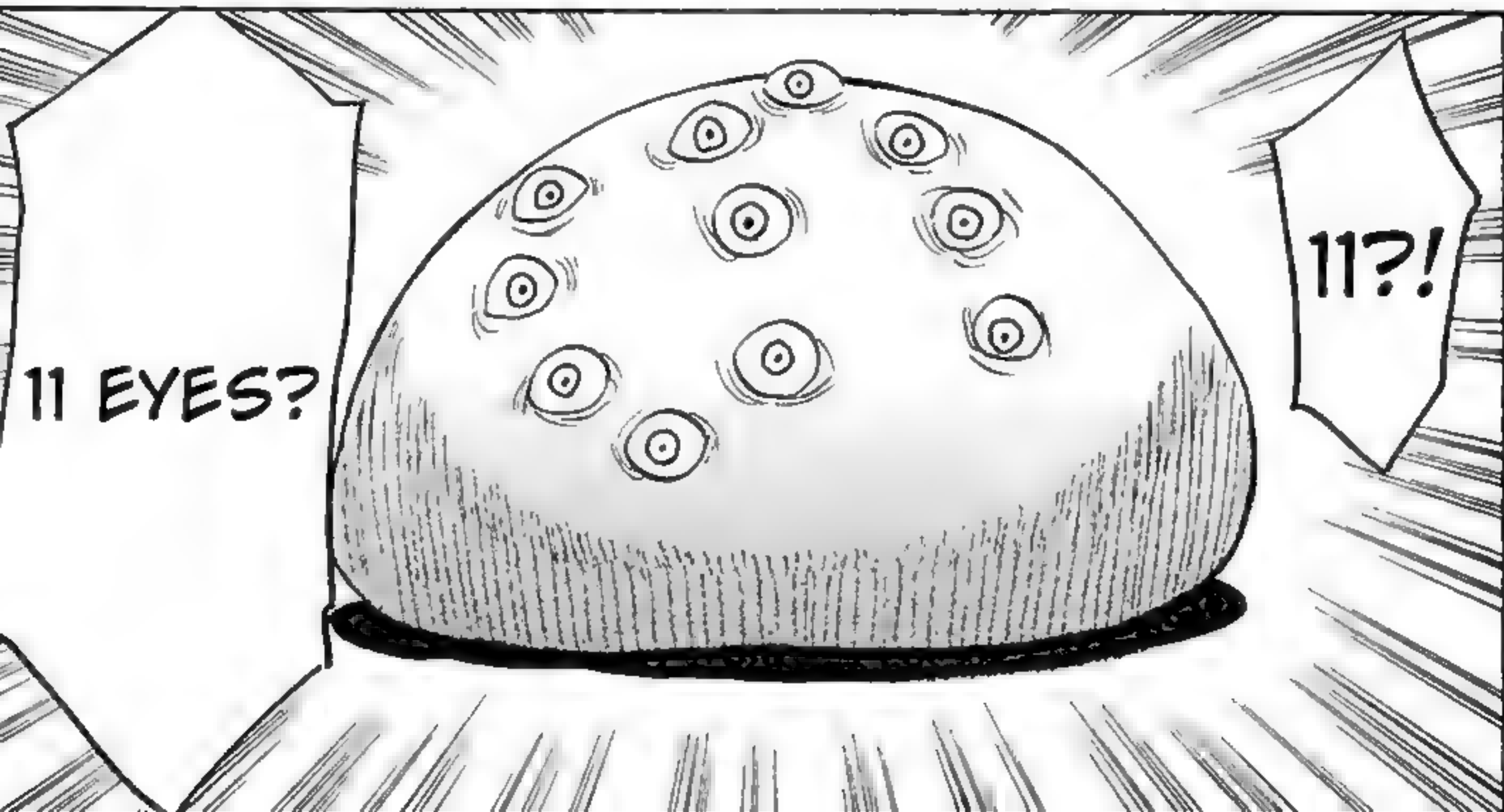




HE'S
GOT...



GOLEM!



11?!



YOU'VE
ALREADY
MET
PUANEP-
SION,



WHY
11?!

BUT WE HAVEN'T
DEFEATED THE
9TH... AND THE
10TH HASN'T
EVEN APPEARED
YET...



WE'VE...



IT
SPOKE?!



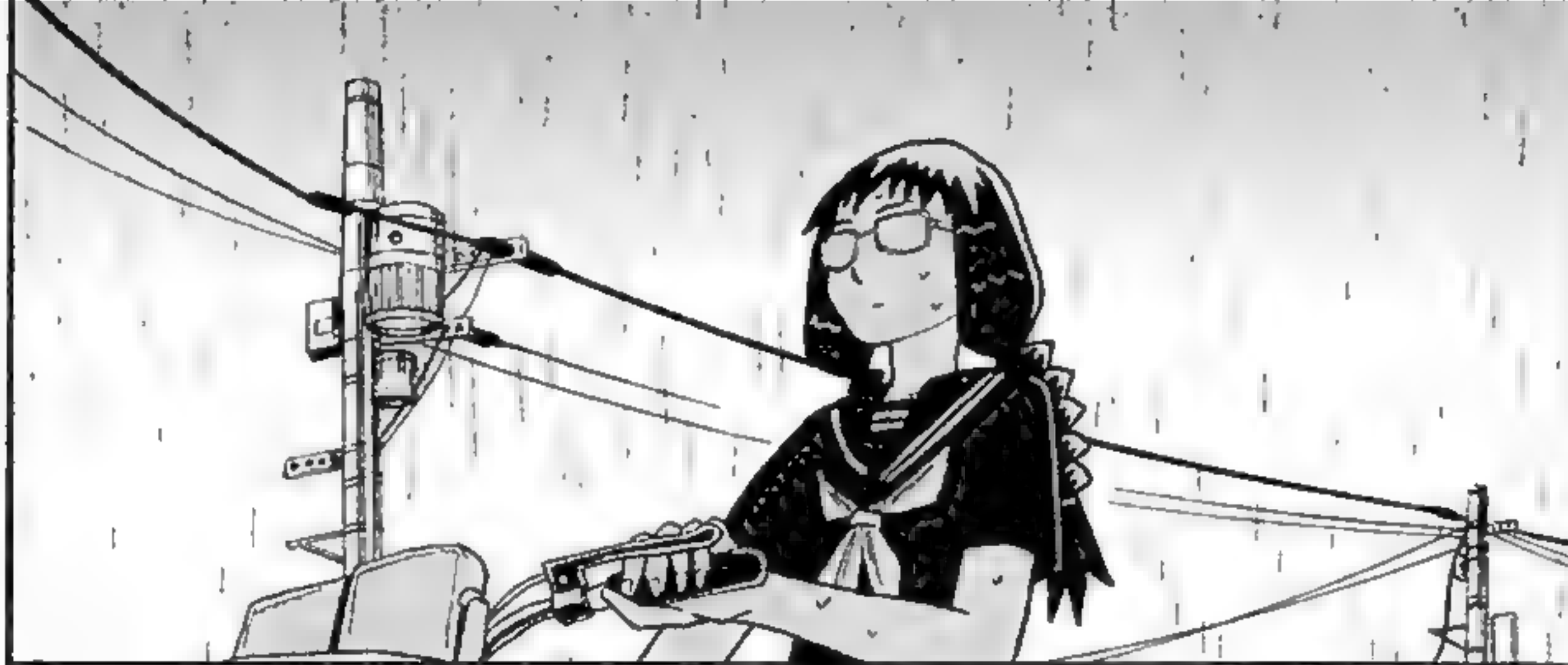
MIKA-
ZUKI!



AND
SHE'S
NUDE!!

WHAT?!
NOW HE
TRANSFORMED
INTO THE
PRINCESS?!





OH, I'M NOT
POUTING OVER
FORGETTING MY
UMBRELLA.



IT'S A
WARRIOR'S
JOB TO
TAKE CARE
OF HER
BODY.



SEE WHY I
TOLD YOU
TAKE AN
UMBRELLA
THIS
MORNING?

YOU'LL
CATCH A
COLD.



HANAKO,
RIDE THE
BIKE AT
LEAST.

IT'S FUN TO WALK
THROUGH THE
RAIN, ISN'T IT?

FEELS SO GOOD
TO BE ABLE TO
GET AS SOAKED
AS YOU WANT.



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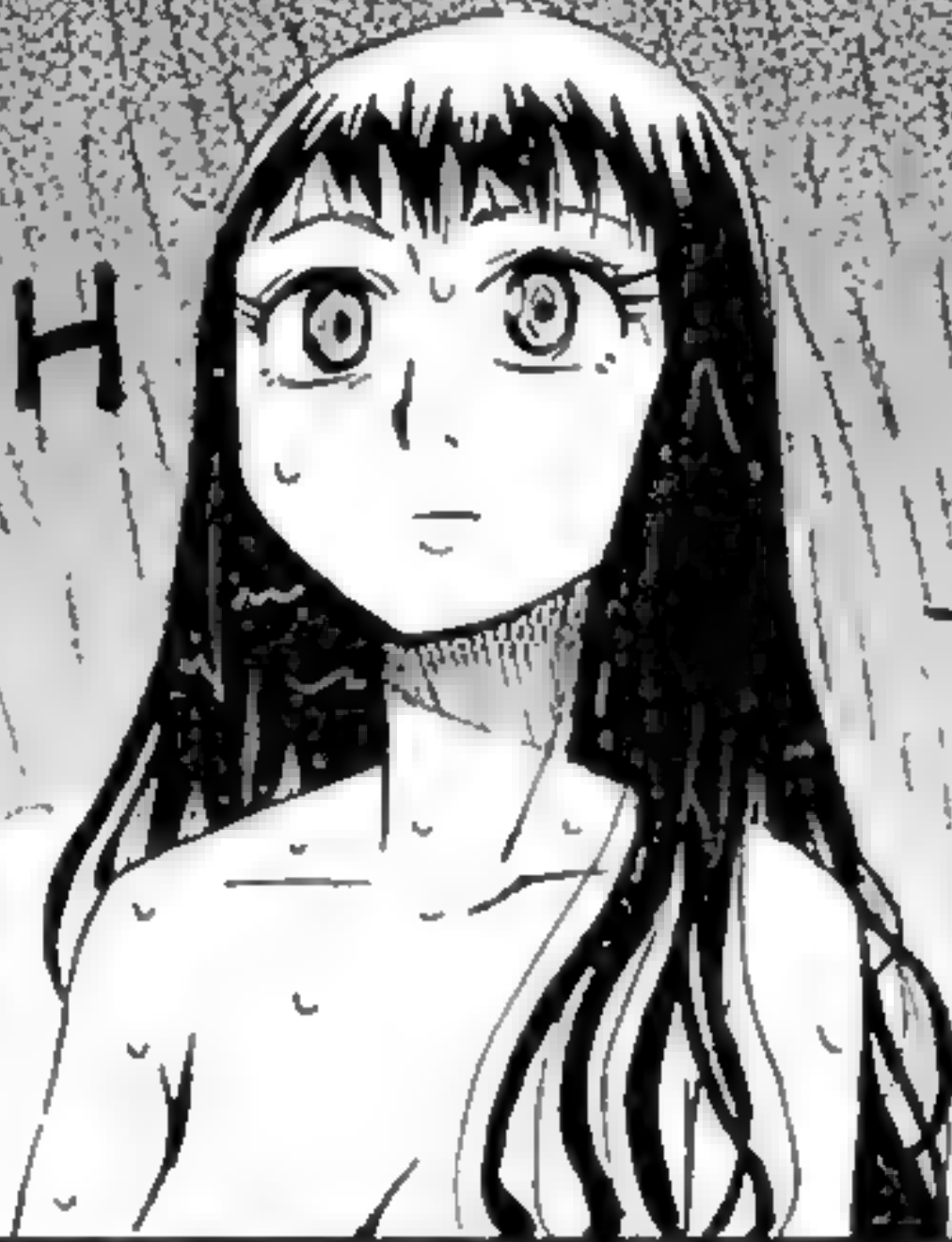


FSSSSH

HI

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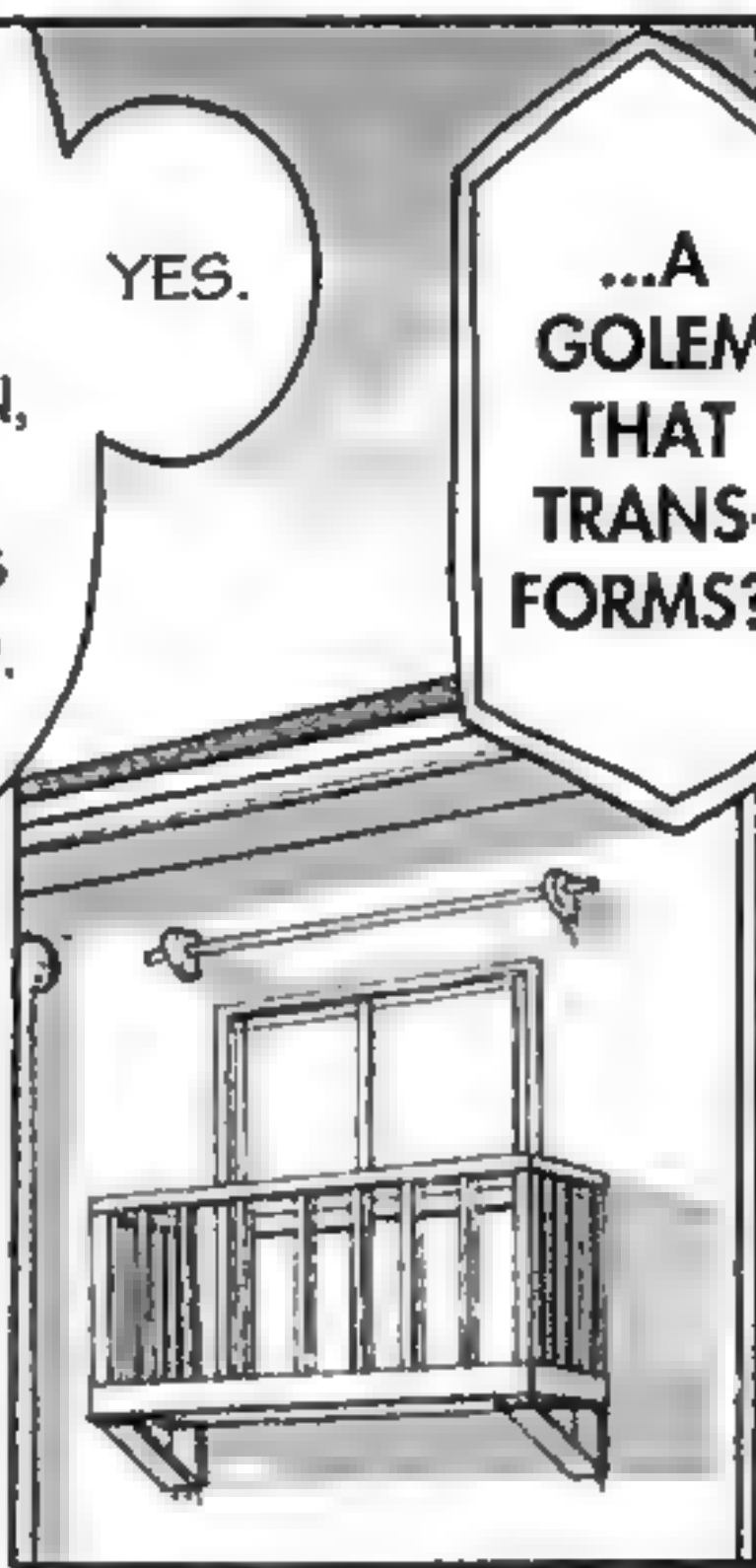


OH, IT
STOPPED
RAINING.

IT ALSO TRANS-
FORMED INTO
SHINONOME-SAN,
WHO DIED
BEFORE ANIMUS
EVEN APPEARED.

YES.

...A
GOLEM
THAT
TRANS-
FORMS?!

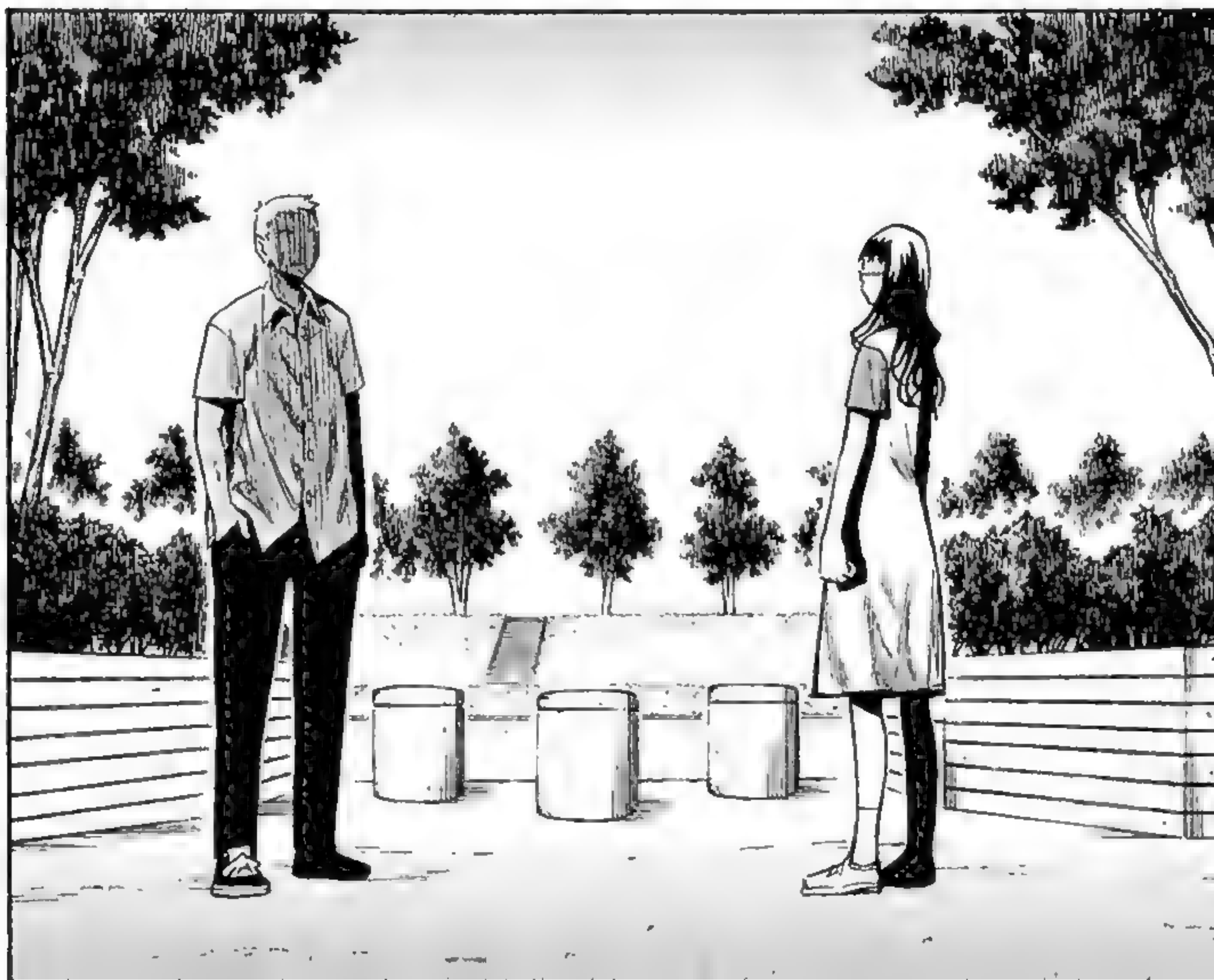


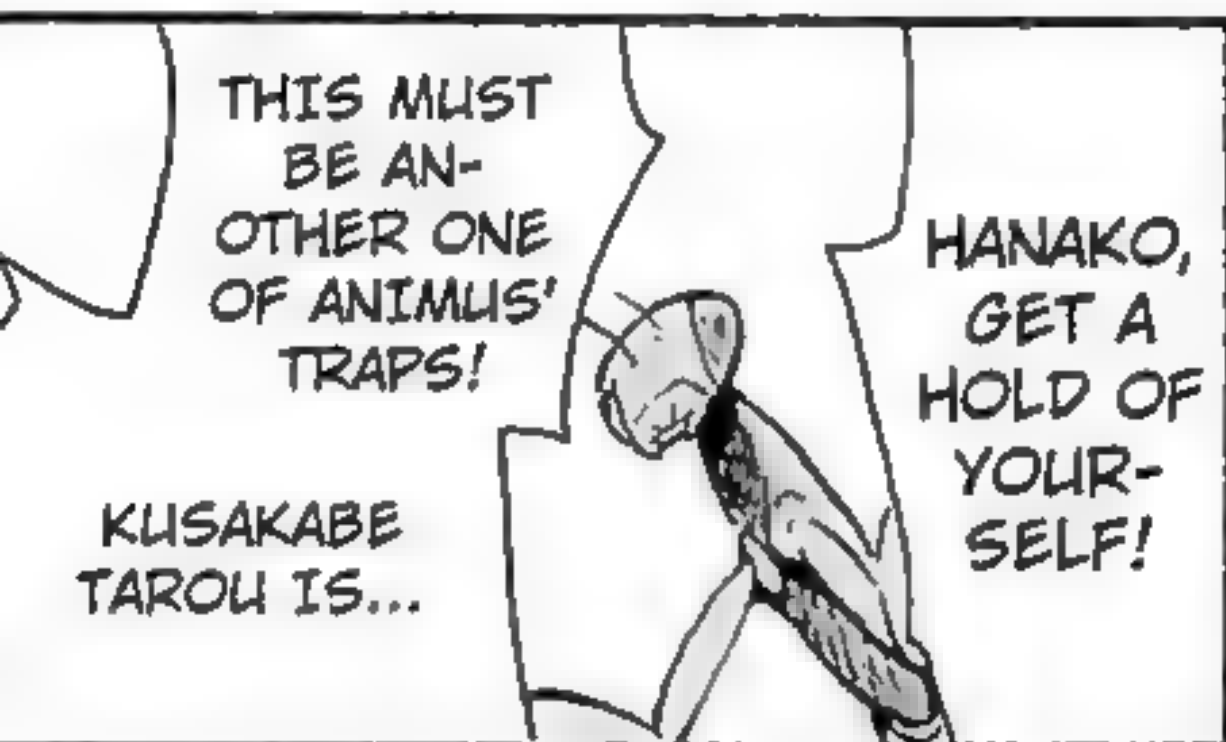
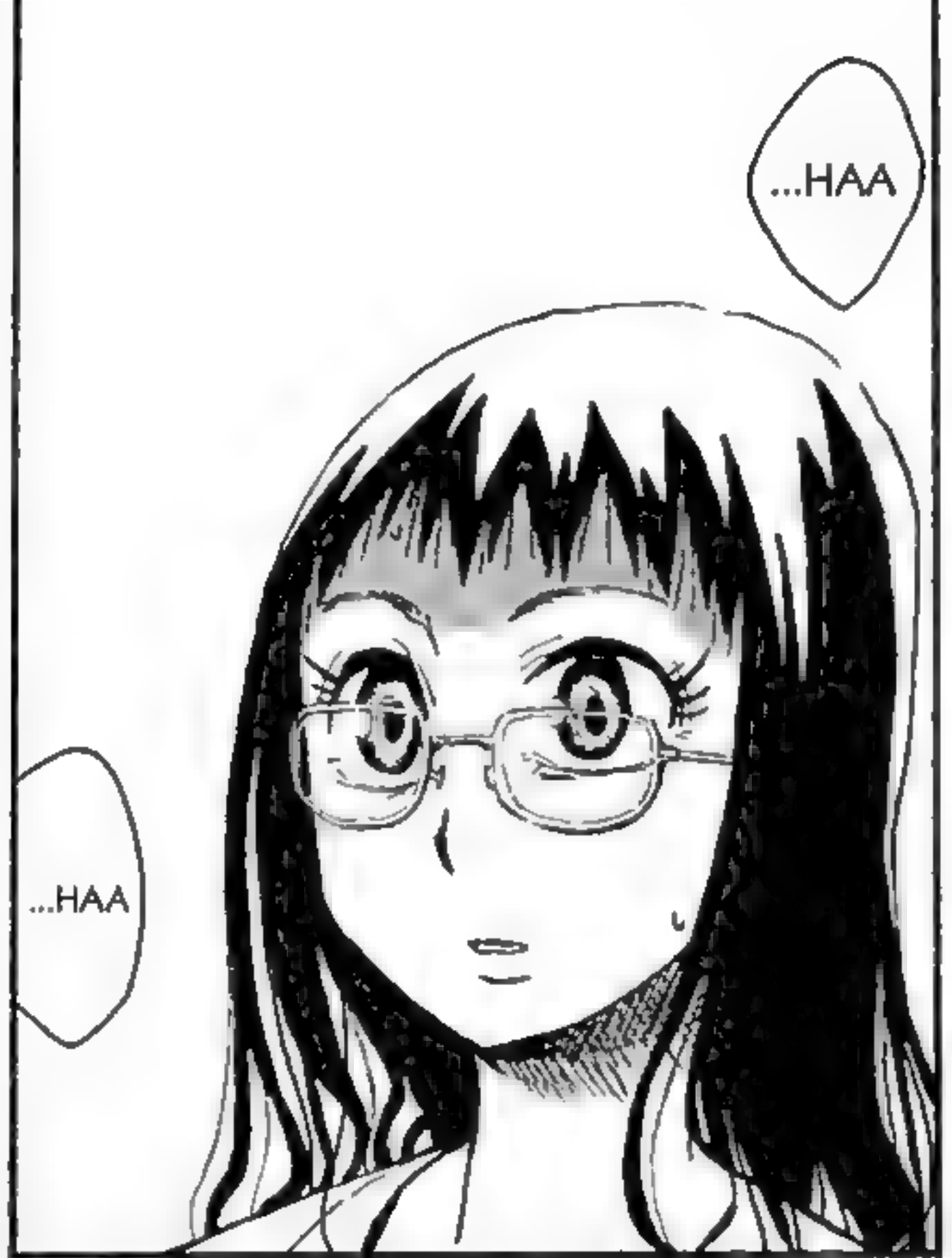
AND THINK
OF A CODE
WORD THAT
WE CAN USE
IN CASE IT
TRANS-
FORMS INTO
ONE OF US.

ANYWAY,
LET'S CALL
UP EVERY-
ONE



EITHER ANIMUS
DID RESEARCH
ON EVERYONE
INVOLVED
BEFOREHAND,
OR...





CHAPTER 40 SORANO HANAKO THE KNIGHT (1)







OWWW.



AH!

WHACK

HEY, HANAKO!
WHY ARE YOU
BULLYING
TAROU-KUN?



...AAAH-
AHHH!

UWAAAAH!

UUUUWAA...



...HE STARTED
STEALING MY
PAIN.

NO, IT
DOESN'T
HURT.



EVER SINCE
THEN, LITTLE BY
LITTLE...

HE WAS THE
ONE WHO GOT
HURT.

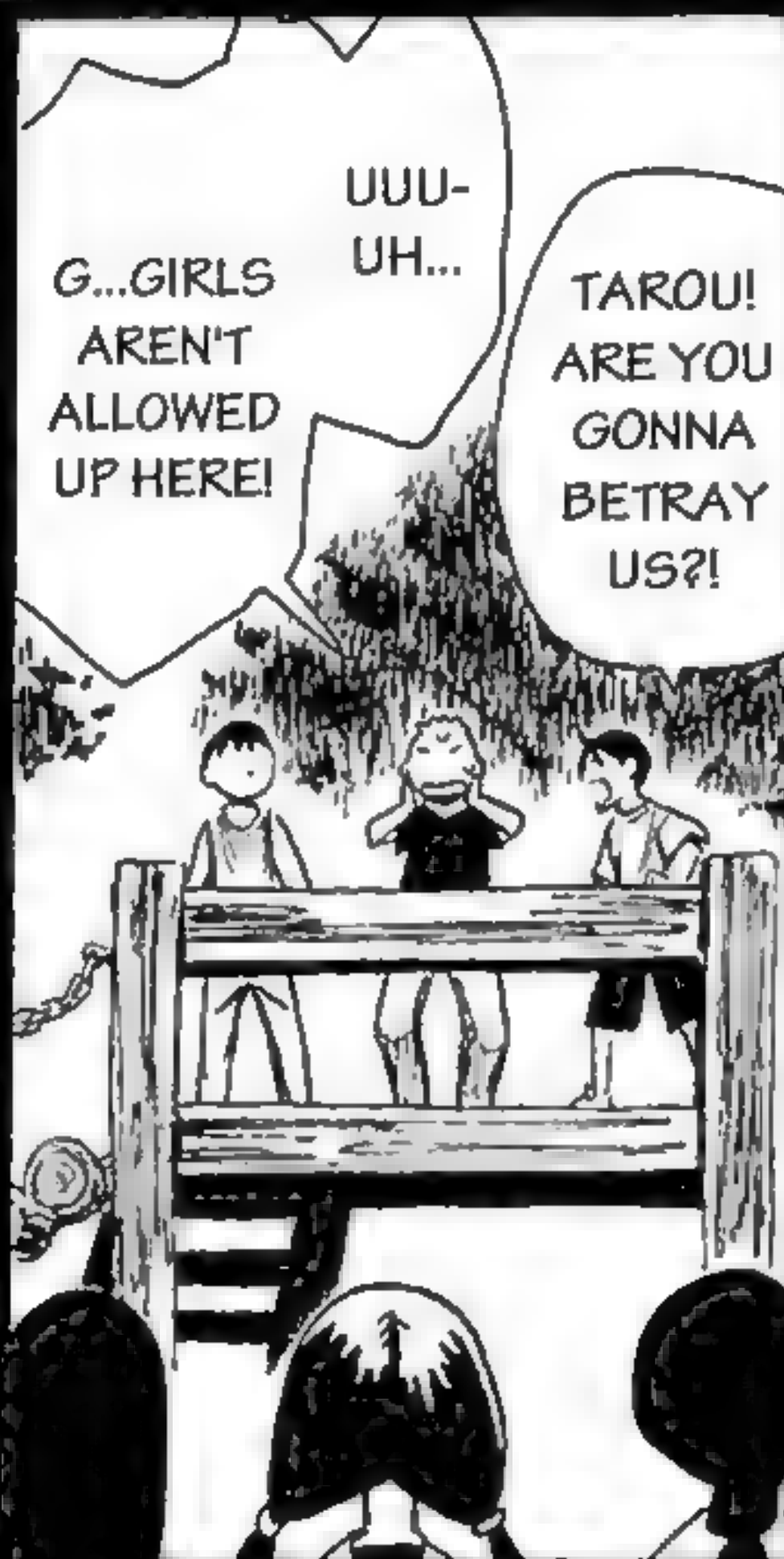
TAROU-KUN
ALWAYS CRIED
FIRST.

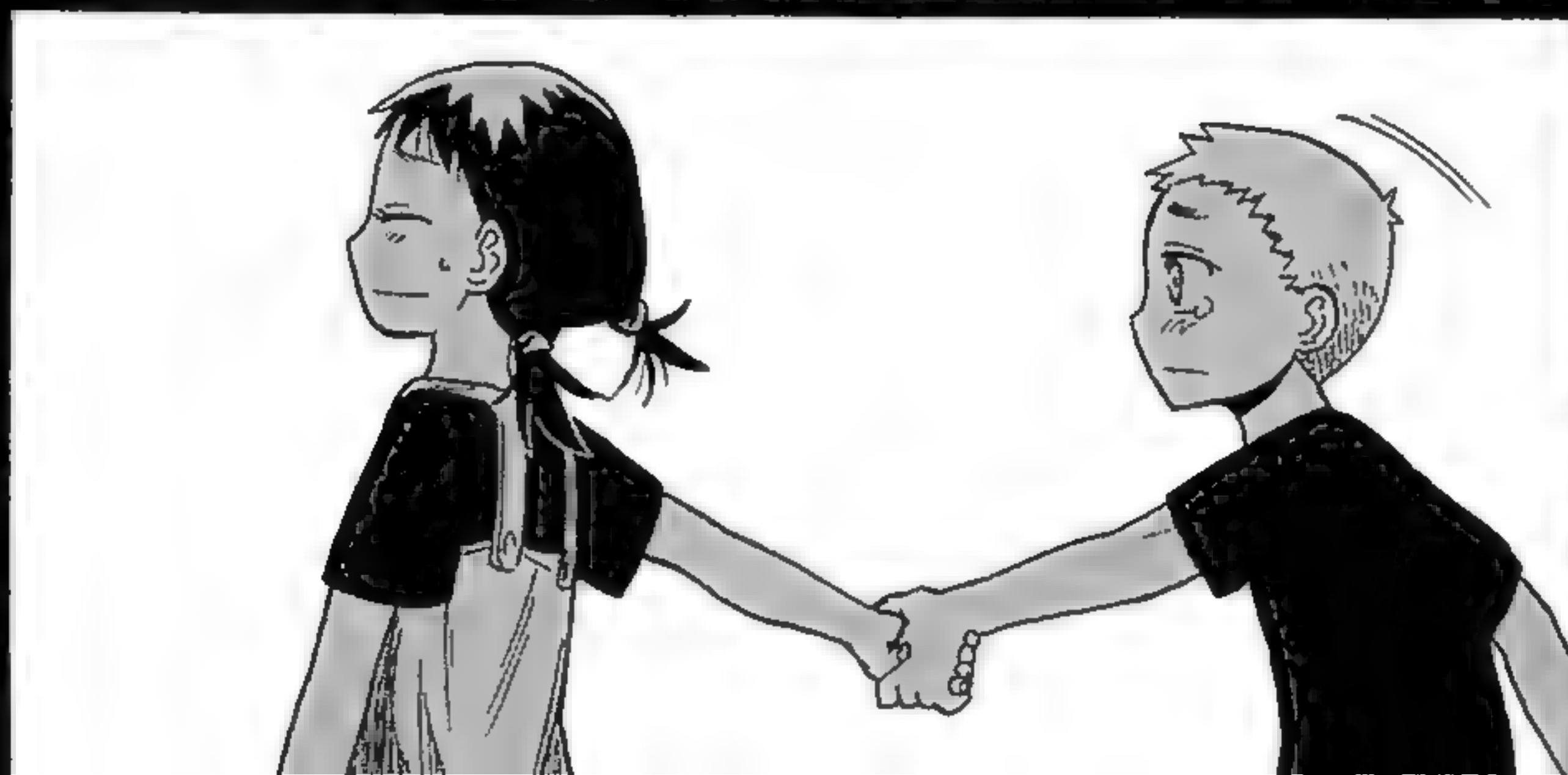
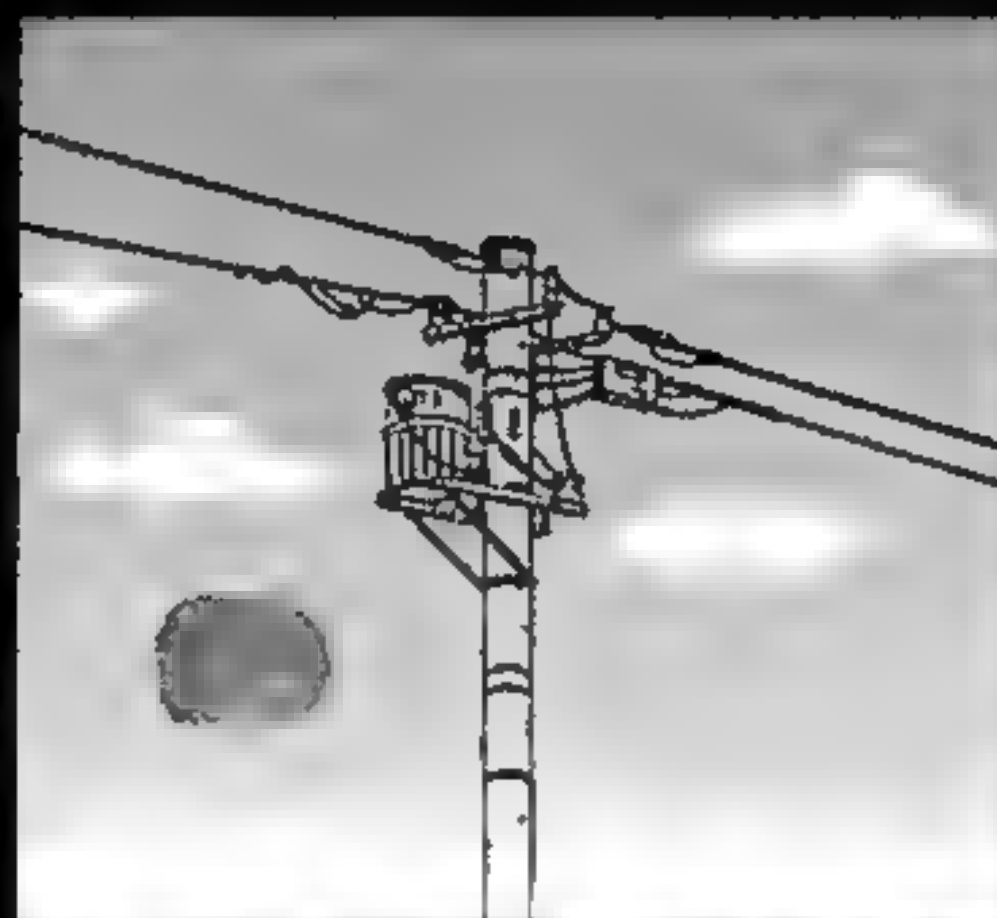
IT
HURTS!
IT
UUUU-
RRRRTS!

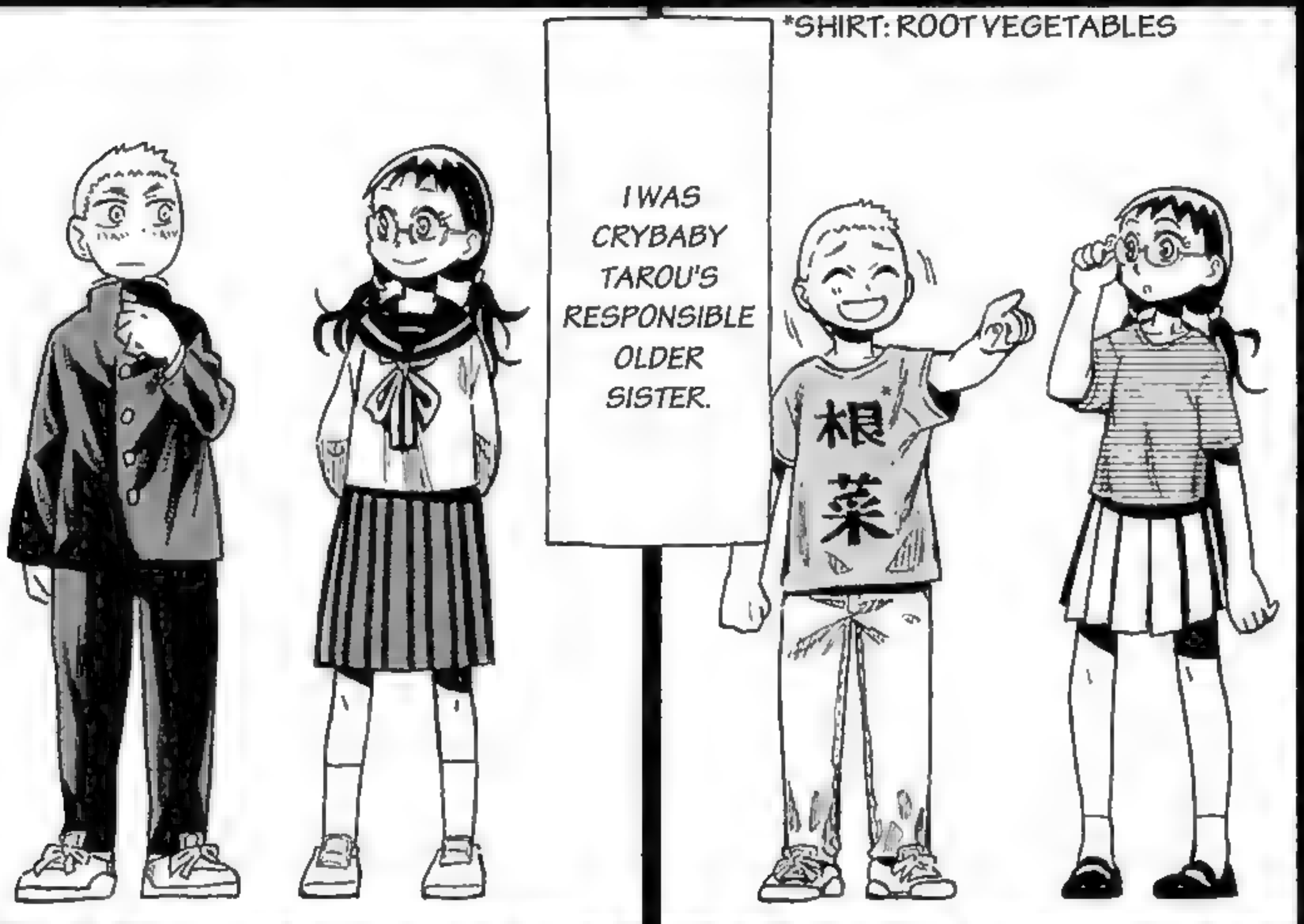
ARE YOU
OK?

HANAKO,
YOU
SKINNED
YOUR KNEE.
THAT
LOOKS LIKE
IT HURTS.

YOU NEED
TO GET IT
TOGETHER
TOO,
TAROU-
KUN... HM?



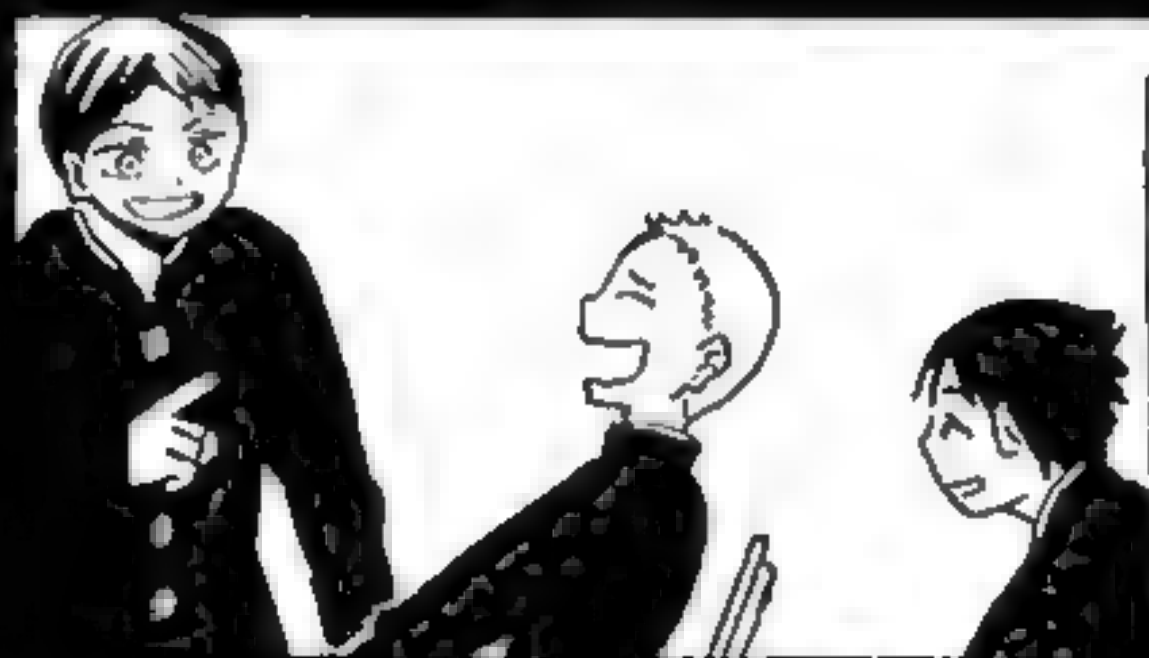




SO I HAD TO
LOOK AFTER
HIM...



I KNEW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT HIM,



...OR SO I
THOUGHT.



*SIGN: LIBRARY

YOU'RE GOING
TO GO TO THE
SAME
SCHOOL AS
ME, RIGHT?
YOU'VE GOT
TO DO YOUR
BEST!



UHH, I
DON'T
GET
THIS.





HUH?
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING,
THEN?



I'M NOT
GOING
TO COL-
LEGE.

OH...



AM I GOING
TO HAVE TO
LOOK AFTER
YOU IN
COLLEGE,
TOO?



I'M GONNA
BECOME A
COOK!

AFTER I
GRADUATE
HIGH SCHOOL,
I'M GOING TO
GET INTO A
TECHNICAL
SCHOOL AND
EARN MY
COOKING
LICENSE.

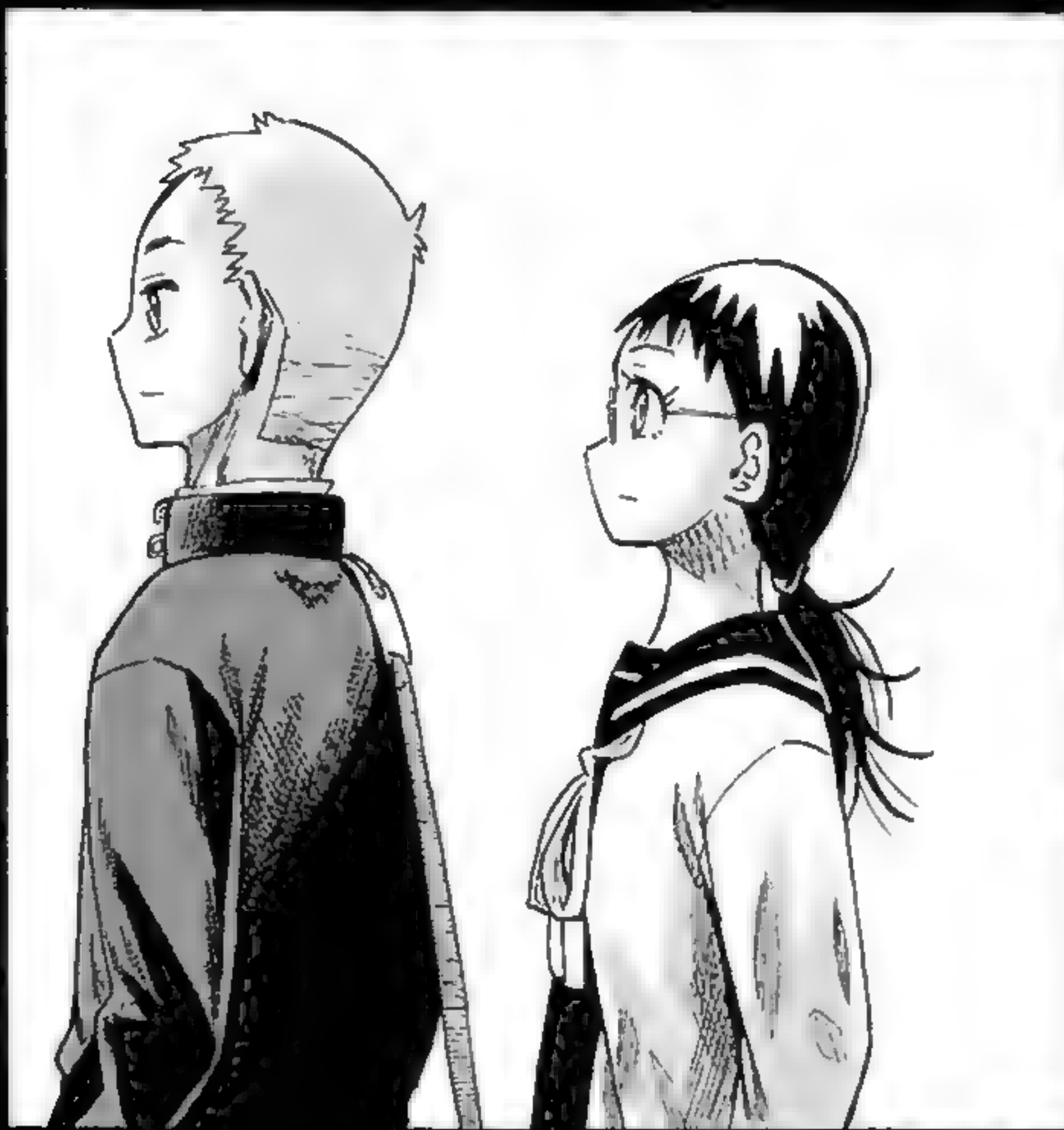
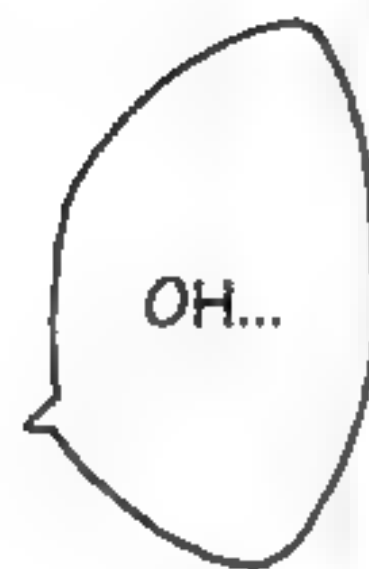
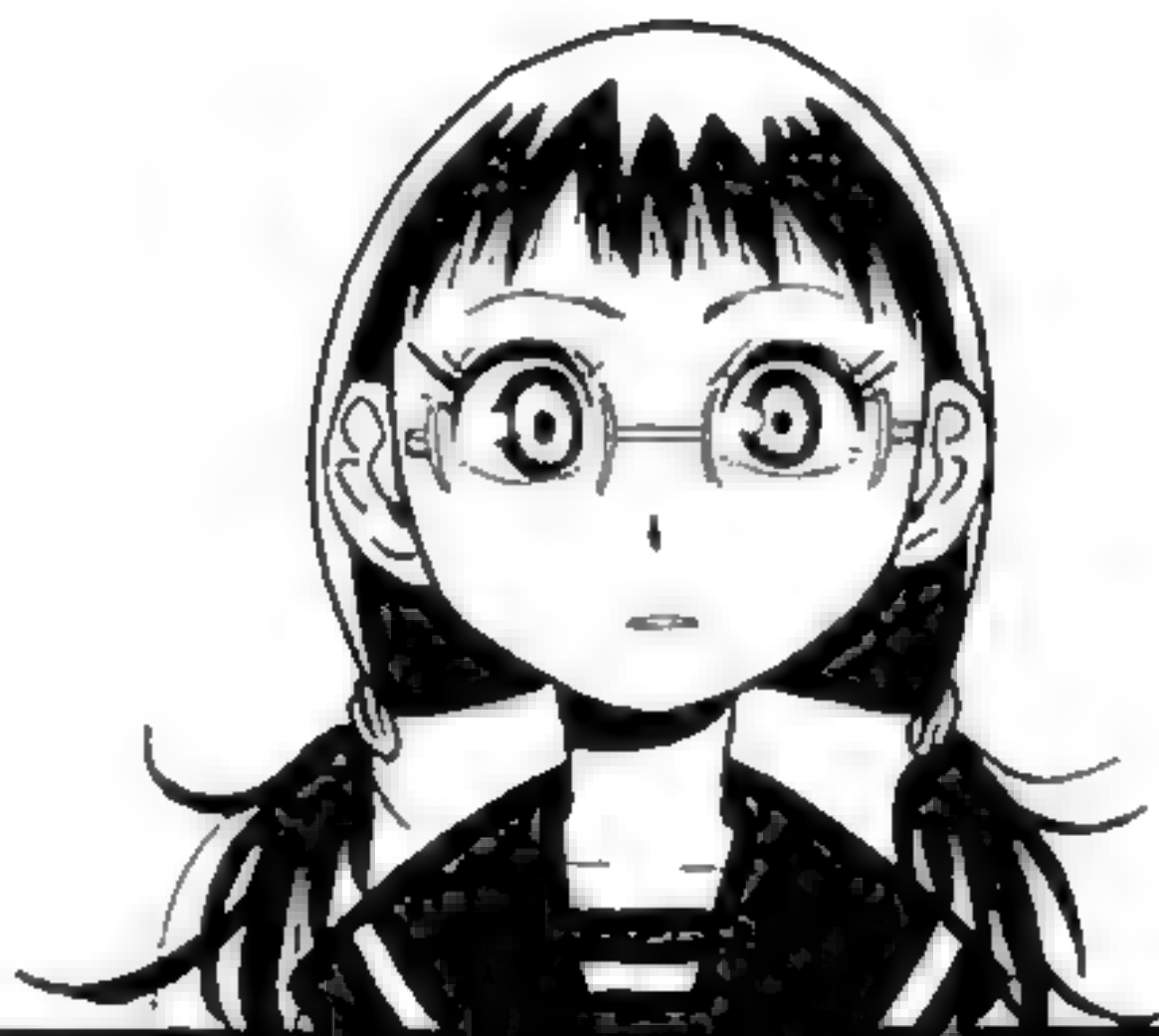
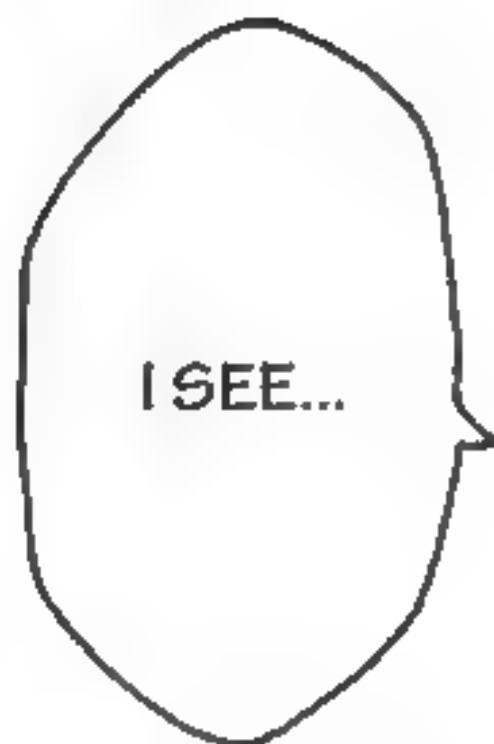


BUT...FOR
SOME
REASON
I'VE
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT...

YOU KNOW HOW
THE FIRST FLOOR
OF YOUR APART-
MENT BUILDING
USED TO BE A RES-
TAURANT? THE
GUY WHO OWNS IT
IS DOING SOME-
THING DIFFERENT
NOW,

I DUNNO, I
JUST KINDA
THOUGHT
OF IT A
WHILE AGO.

...WHEN DID
YOU DECIDE
THAT?



YAMADA TAROU
1. 山田 一郎
KAIDA JIROU
2. 海田 二郎
SORANO HANAKO
3. 宙野 花子
KAWABATA YASUO
4. 川端 康雄
MORITA SAKURAKO
5. 森田 桜子

WOAH,
HANAKO GOT
THIRD PLACE!

MIDTERM EXAM RANKING BOARD
中間試験順位発表

職員室

HA
HA
HA
HA!

WELL
SURE!

I MEAN,
I'M
204TH!

YOU
THINK
SO?

THAT'S
AMAZING!

...IT ISN'T
ANYTHING
SPECIAL.

ARE YOU
HAVING
TROUBLE
DECID-
ING?

SORANO, I
NOTICE YOU
HAVEN'T
TURNED IN
YOUR PLANS
FOR AFTER
GRADUA-
TION.

OH, I GOTTA
GO TO THE
LIBRARY.

THEY GOT
THE COOKING
BOOK I
REQUESTED.
SEE YA!

NO, I'M
PRETTY
SURE...



HE TOOK A
LOT MORE
THAN
JUST MY
PAIN.

I DON'T
REALLY
HAVE
ANY
IDEAS
FOR MY
FUTURE
YET.



I'LL JUST
CONTINUE
ON TO
HIGHER
EDUCA-
TION.

...THAT I'M...



...BEING LEFT BEHIND.



...ISN'T HERE
ANYMORE.



...WHO SHOWED
ME A SMILE
THAT MADE ME
FORGET HOW TO
SMILE MYSELF...

THE CRYBABY TAROU
THAT I SMILED FOR...



...IS A PURPOSELESS,
FOUR-EYED STUDYHOLIC.

ALL THAT'S HERE NOW...





FROM NOW ON, I'LL
JUST GO SLOWLY,
AND TAKE EACH
FEELING THAT
FLOATS UP...



BUT IT'S FINE.

MY LITTLE
BROTHER LET
GO OF MY
HAND.

*SHIRT: UDON



...ALL FOR MYSELF.



HEHEH!
RIGHT?

I THINK THIS
IS THE FIRST
TIME I'VE SEEN
YOU SMILE IN
A WHILE!



TASTES
GOOD.



AND THEN,
SOMEDAY...

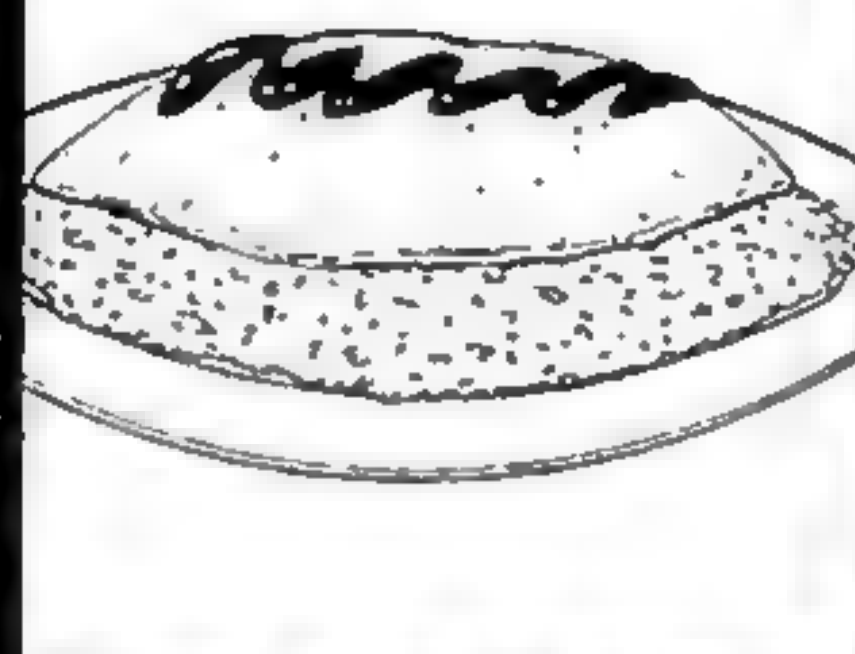
HOW
IS IT?

...TO BE HIS EQUAL.

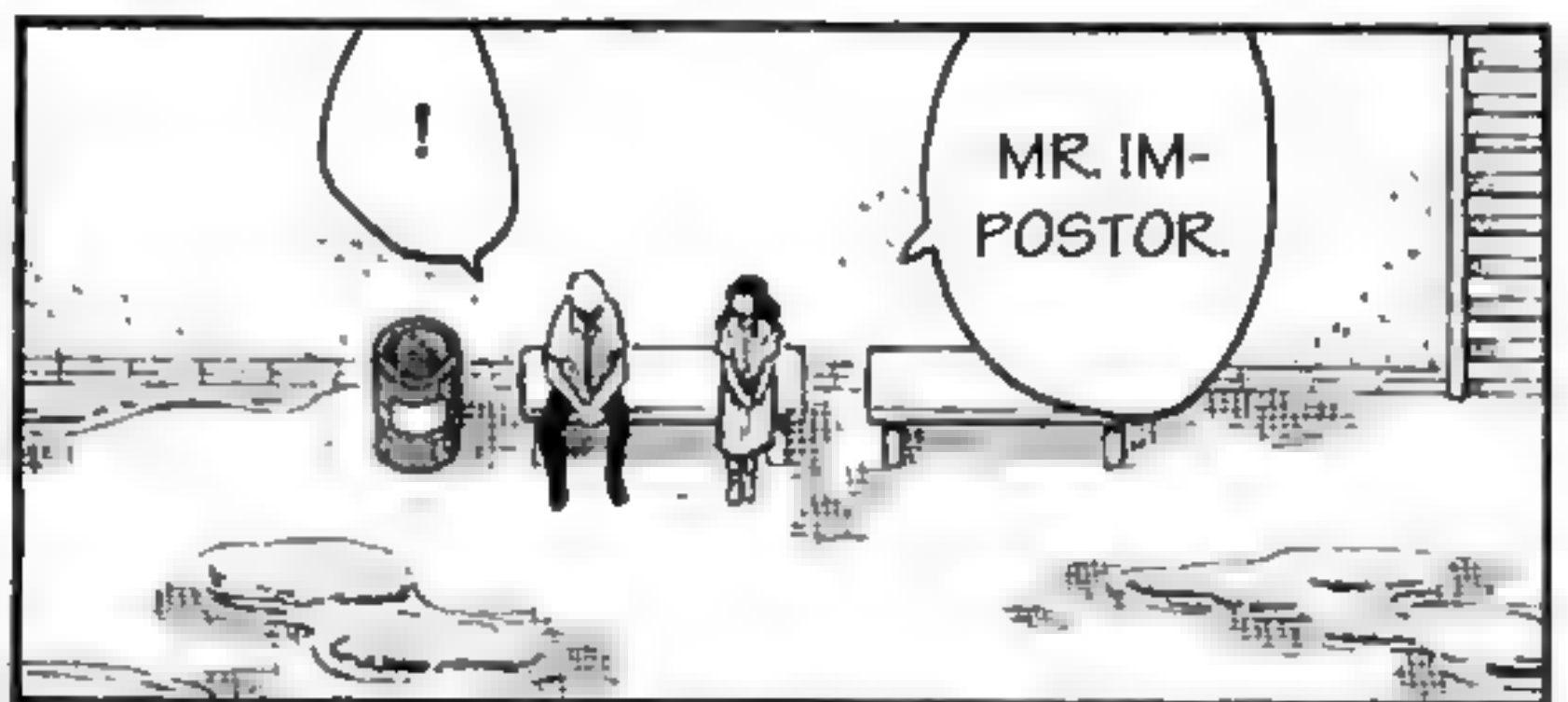
I WANT...

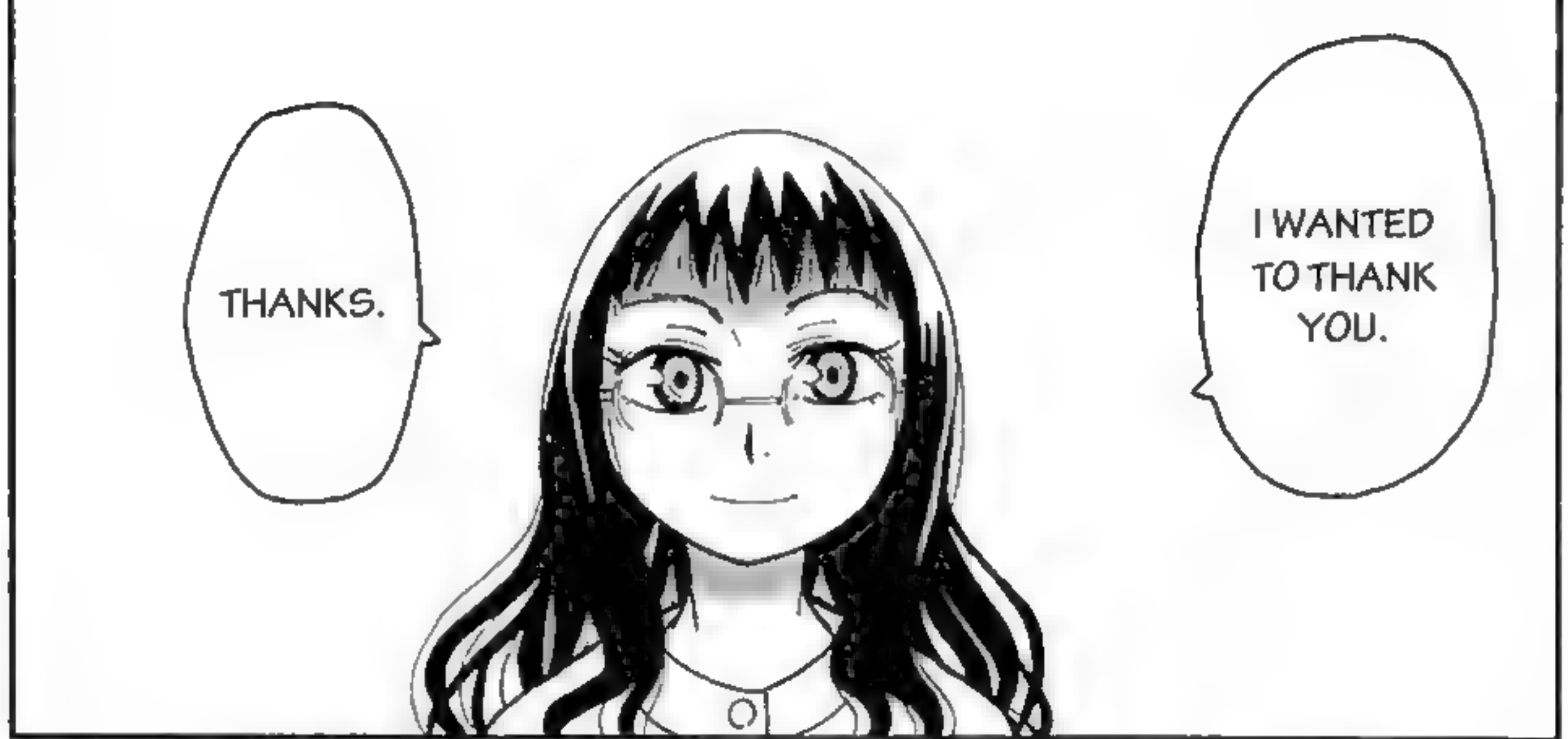


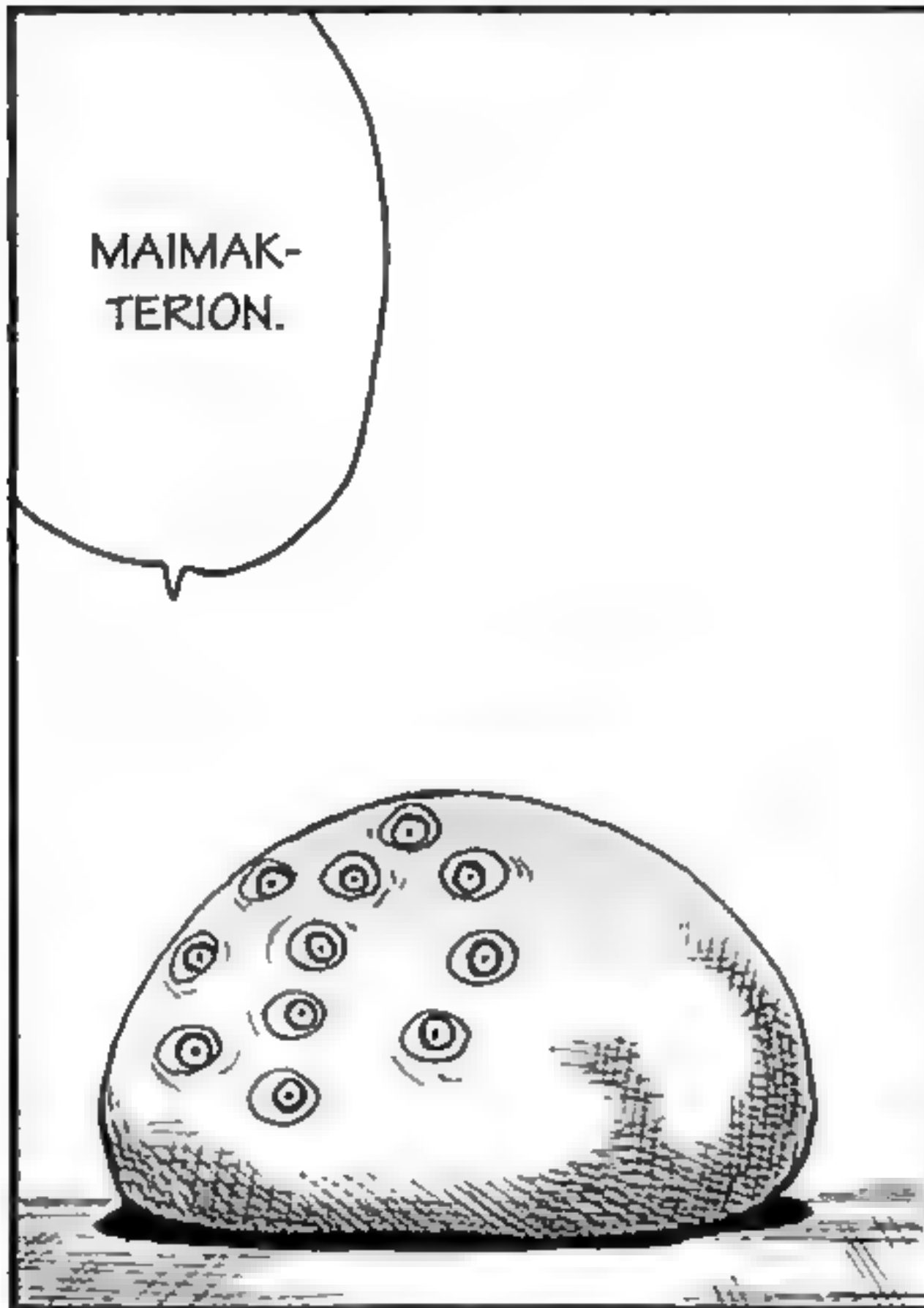
REALLY?















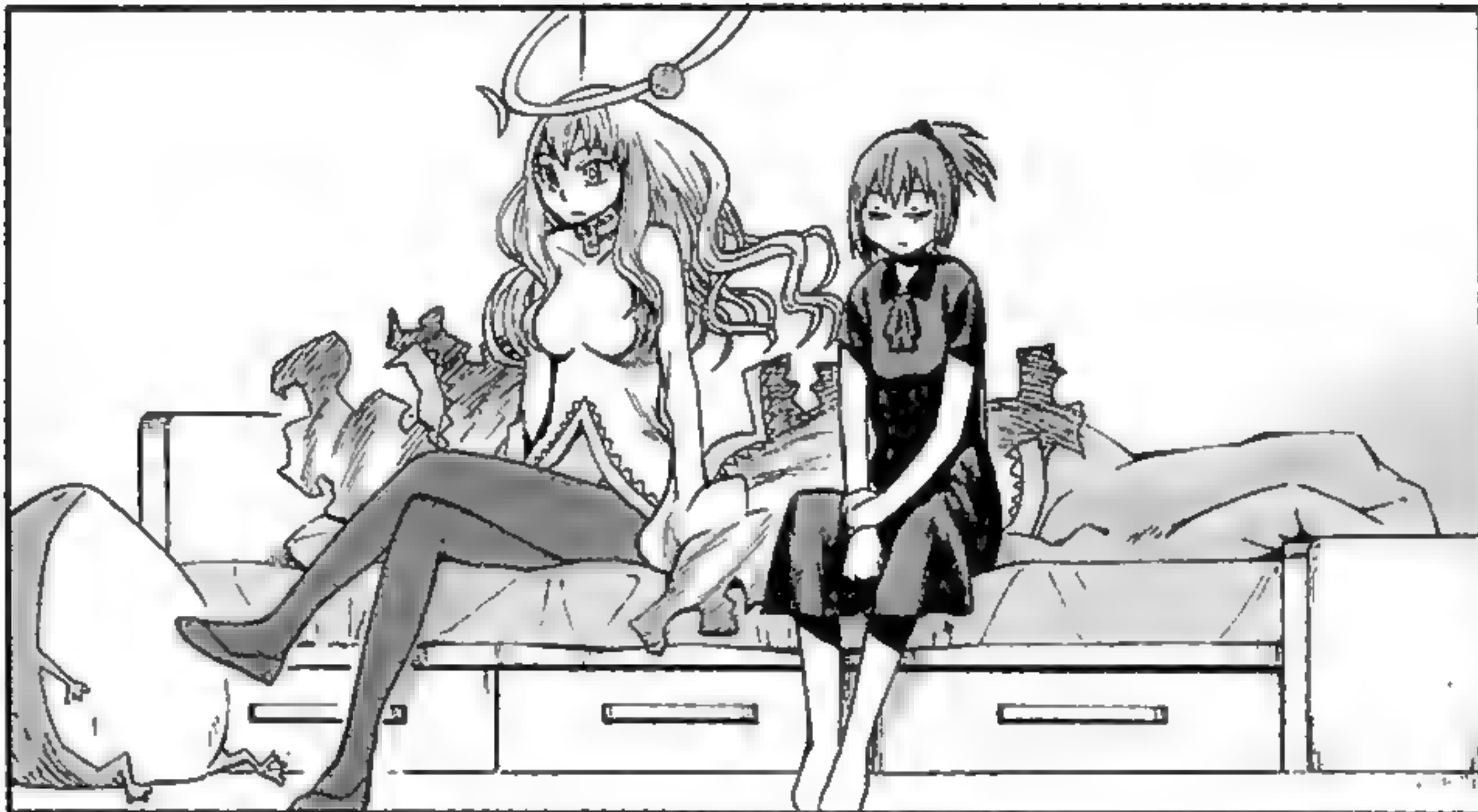


WE'RE
GONNA
TAKE
OUT
#9...

TIME
FOR THE
SHOW-
DOWN!!

...RIGHT
HERE
AND
NOW!!







IF...I DON'T
COME BACK
ALIVE...

*BOOK: (5 MIN) EASY COOKING



...YEAH. FIRST I'LL
START WITH A RICE
OMELET...

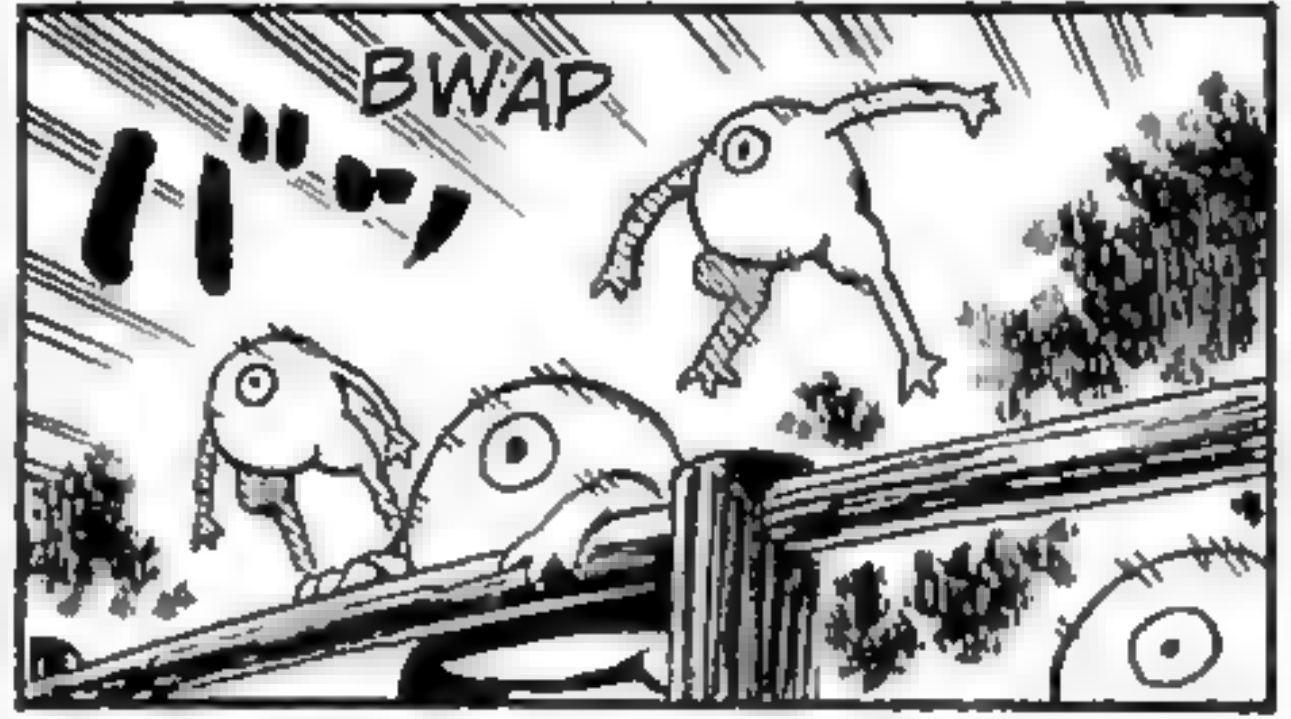
...TAROU-
KUN.



FROM
THIS DAY
FORWARD,

I'M DONE
BEING A
STUDYHOLIC.

I'M A
WAR-
RIOR.





YOU
GUYS
JUST
DON'T
LEARN,
DO
YA...?!

HEE
HEE
HEE!!

I DON'T KNOW
HOW IT WORKS,
BUT IF WE'VE
ALREADY MET
THE 10TH...THEN
IT HAS TO BE
THEM!!



WHAT?!
BUT
THERE
ARE SO
MANY...?



YEAH.

DANCE!



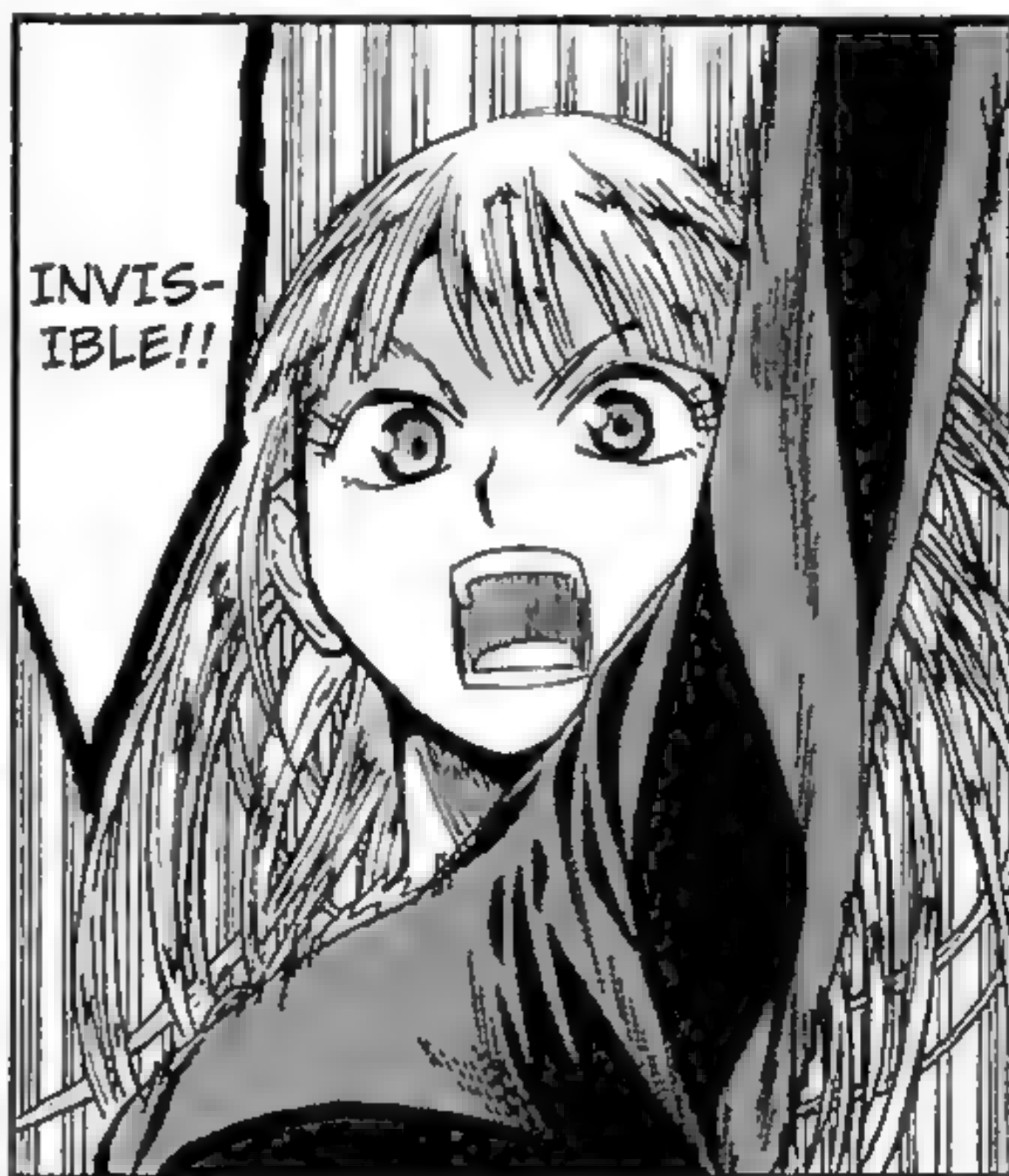
GOT IT.

I'LL
START
THINGS
OFF.

SHEA!



UNI-
CORN!!



INVIS-
IBLE!!

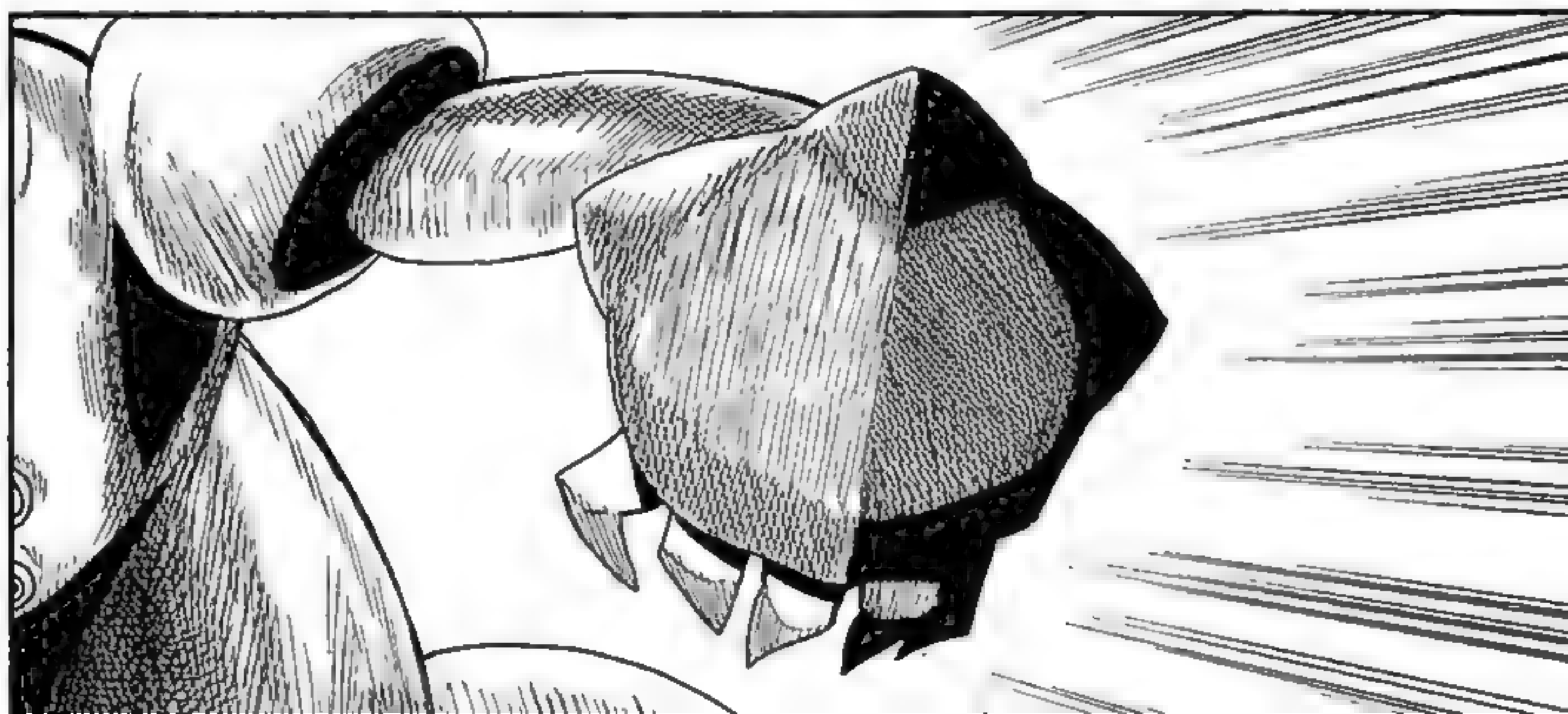


...BEAST
KNIGHT!!

ANOTHER
MYTHIC...

INVIS-
IBLE?!

?!

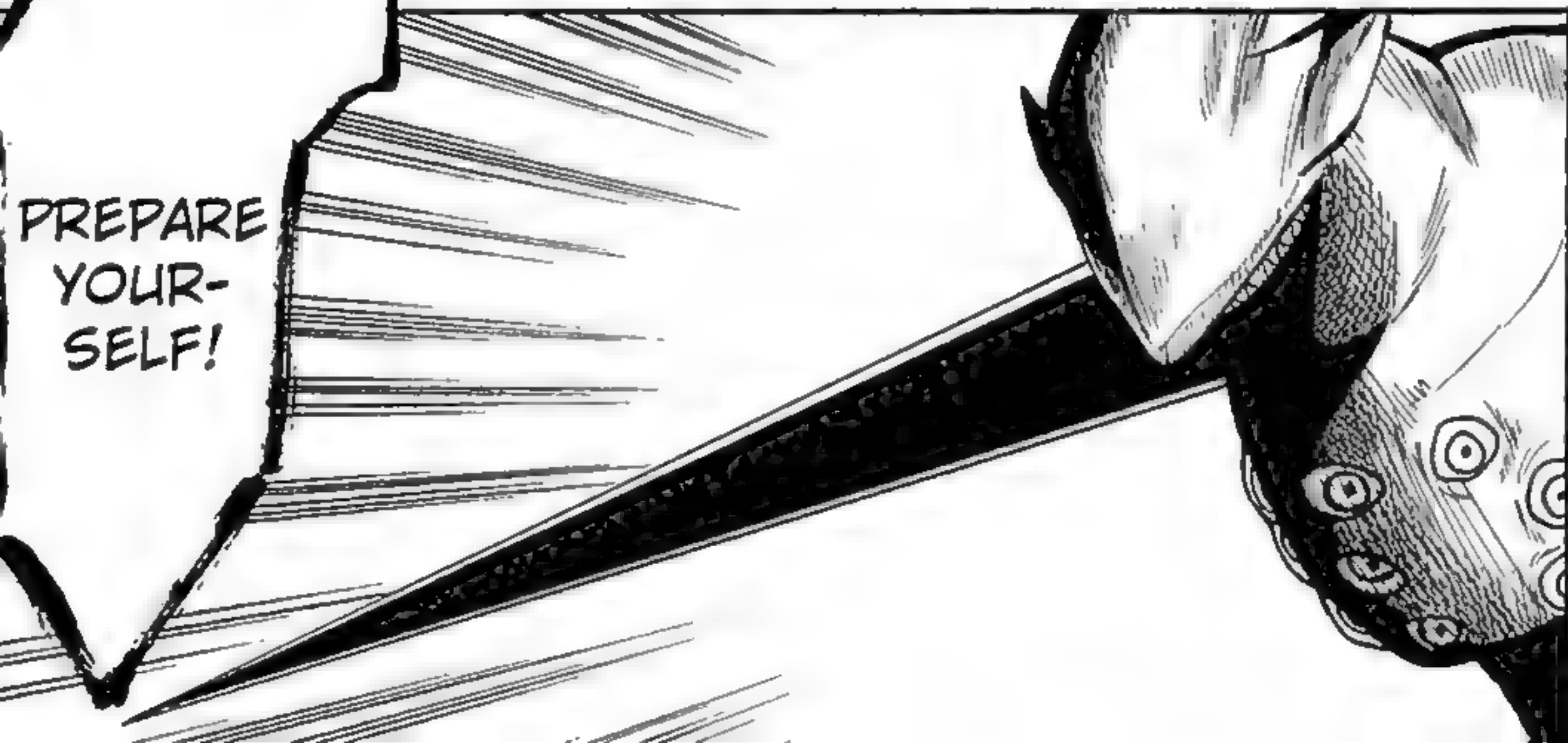


HERE
WE
COME!



NINE-
EYES!

PREPARE
YOUR-
SELF!





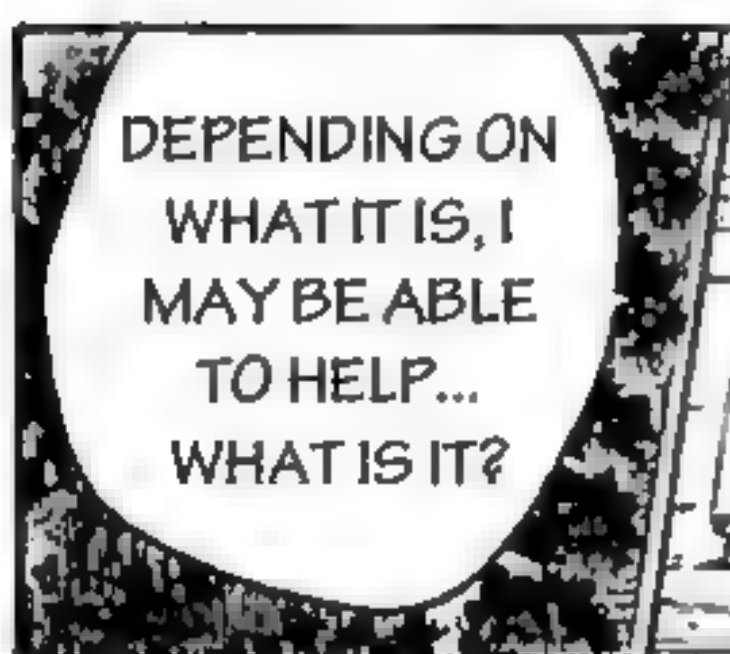
PERHAPS
YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR ME?

SMACK

STRANGE TO
SEE A KNIGHT
SEARCHING
FOR SOME-
THING
INSTEAD OF
GOING TO THE
BATTLEFIELD...



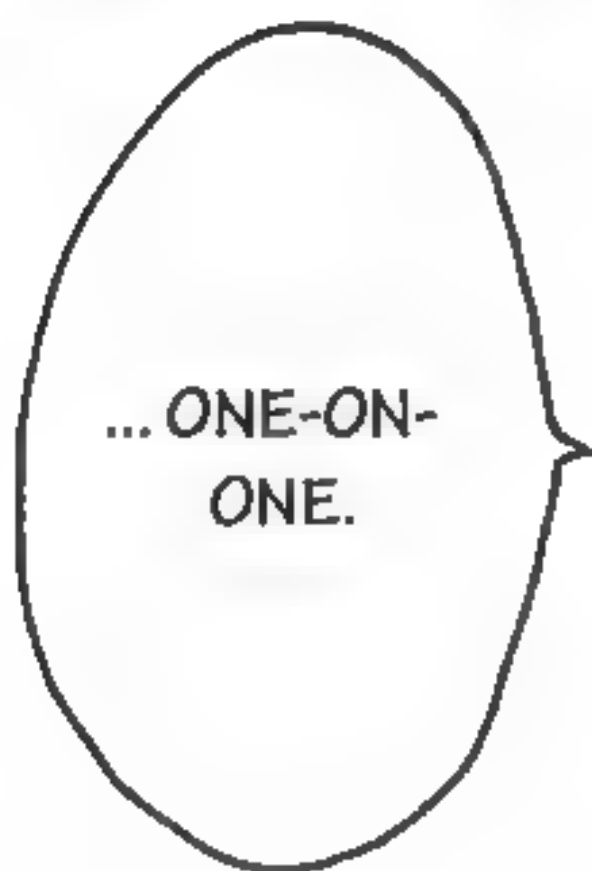
HEY.



DEPENDING ON
WHAT IT IS, I
MAY BE ABLE
TO HELP...
WHAT IS IT?



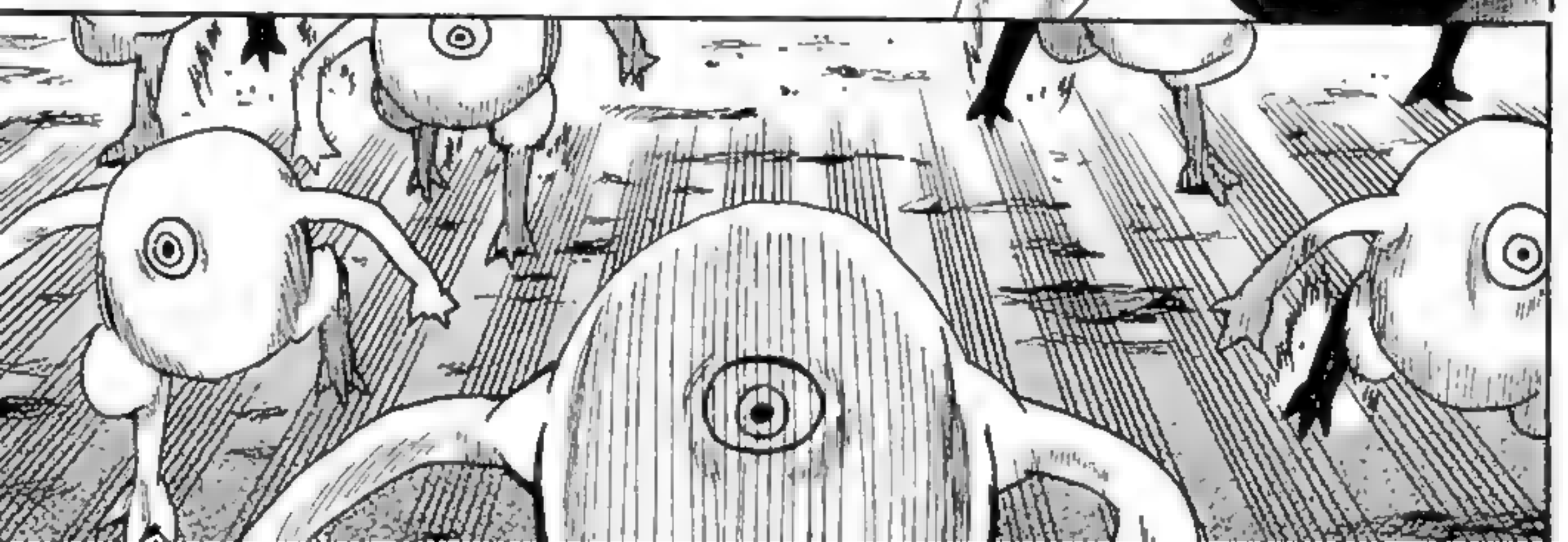
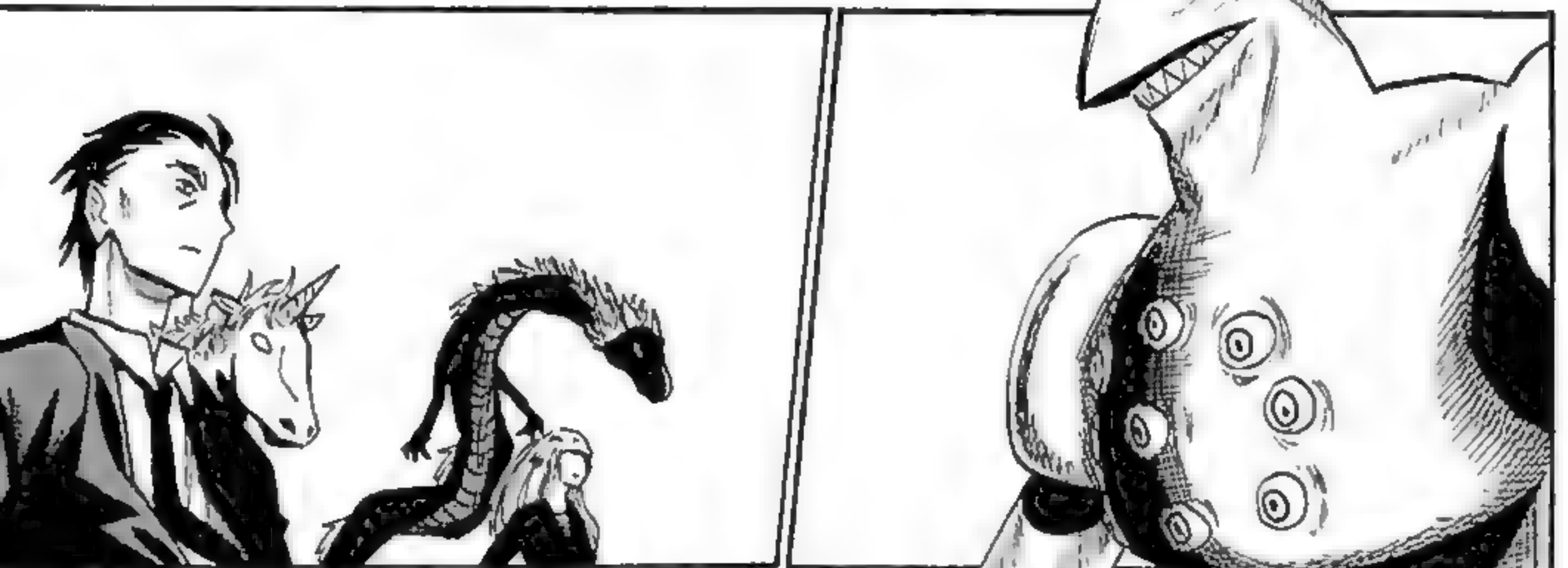
...YES. I HAVE A
REQUEST.



... ONE-ON-
ONE.



LET ME FIGHT
THE 9TH...







YORO-
ZUKUBI
ORO-
CHI!!*

CRAAAAASH



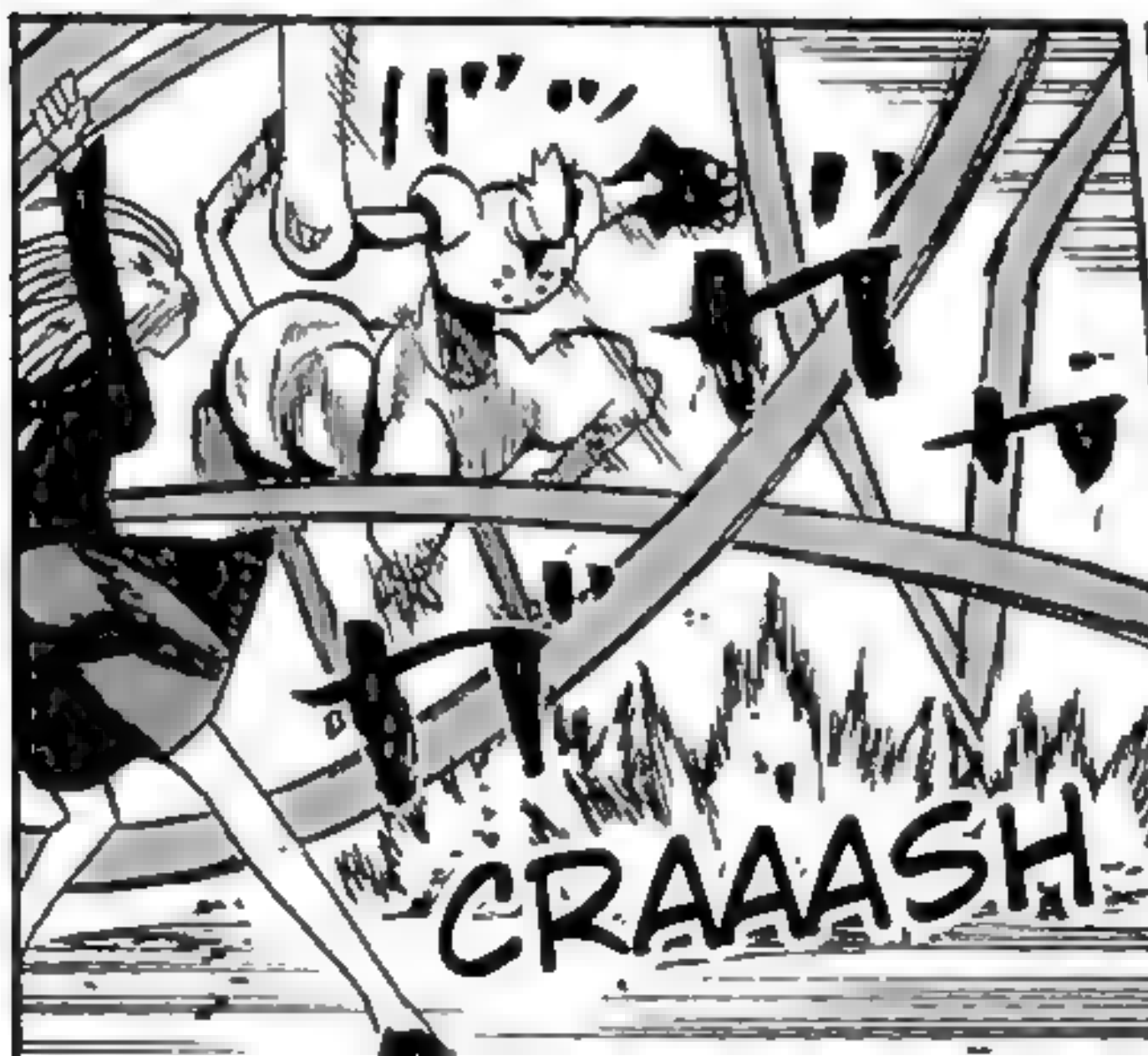


CRAAASH

CHAPTER 41 SORANO HANAKO THE KNIGHT (2)







IF ONLY WE
COULD PRE-
DICT ITS NEXT
MOVE...

LOOKS LIKE IT
WON'T FALL
UNLESS
DAMAGE IS
DEALT TO ITS
SPEAR, SHIELD,
OR LEGS...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT'S
ACTUALLY
HOLDING ITS
OWN AGAINST
TWO MYTHIC
BEAST
KNIGHTS...

WHAT
A MON-
STER!!

I'LL HOP IN
AND GRAB
ITS ATTEN-
TION.

STEP

FWOOSH

BWAP

THE REST
IS IN YOUR
HANDS.

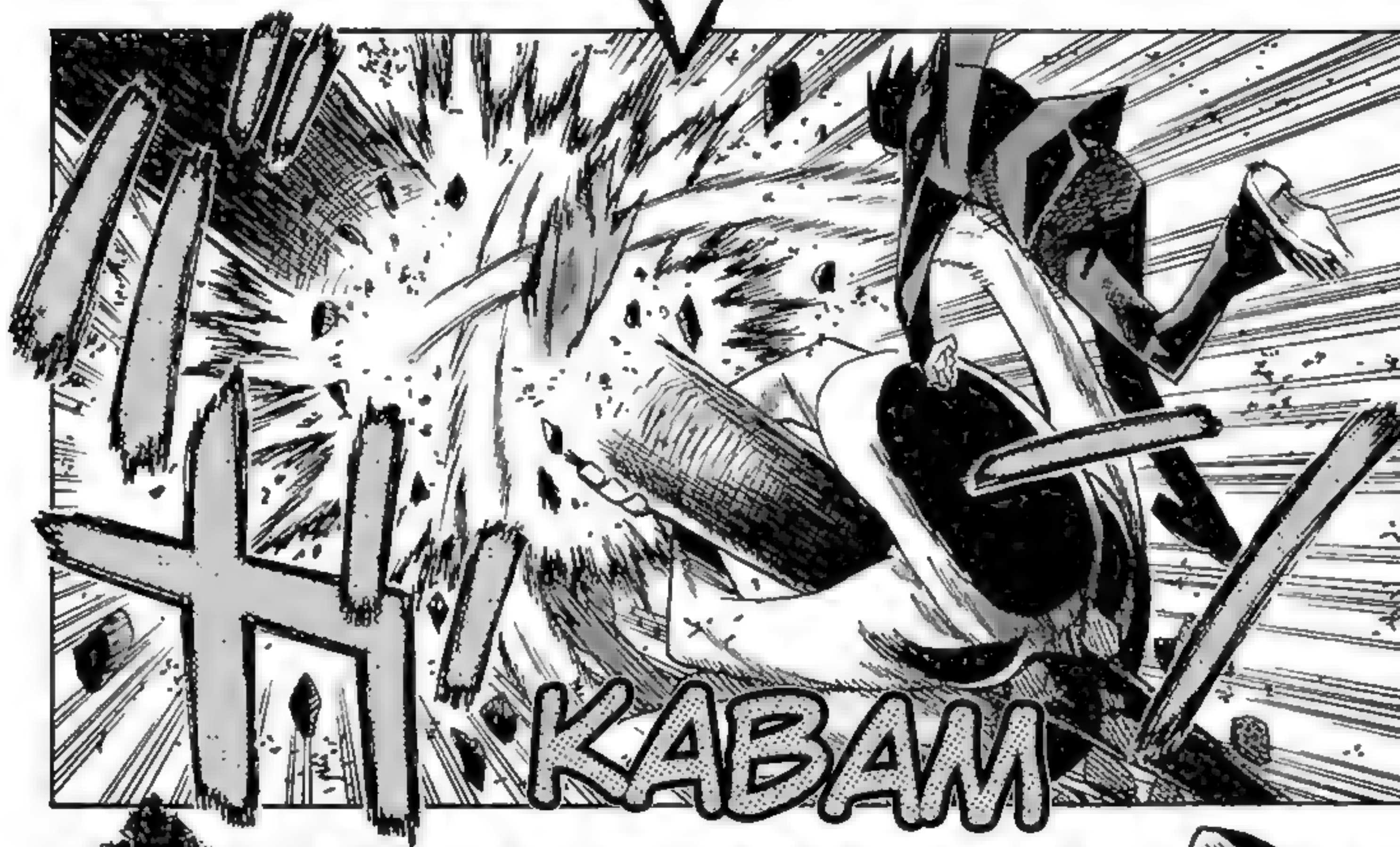
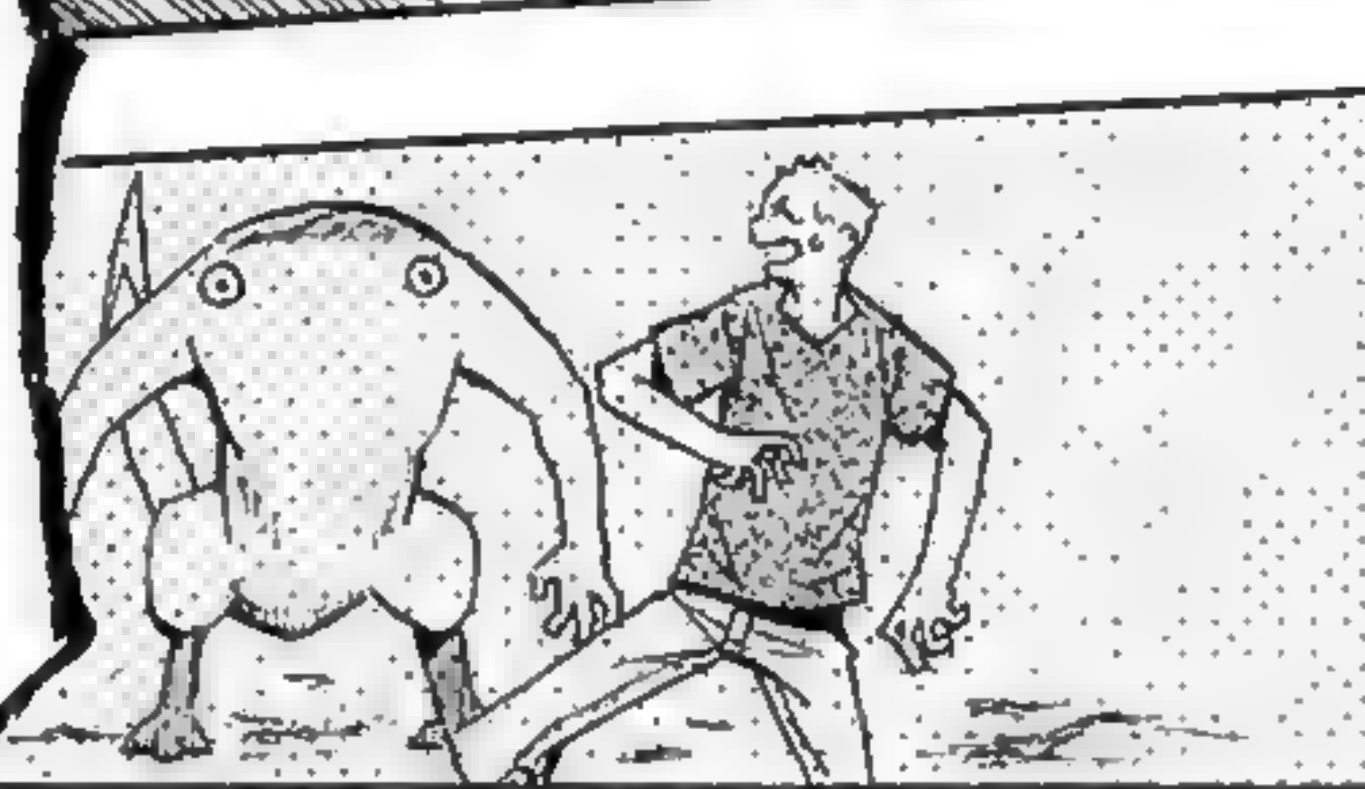
OK.

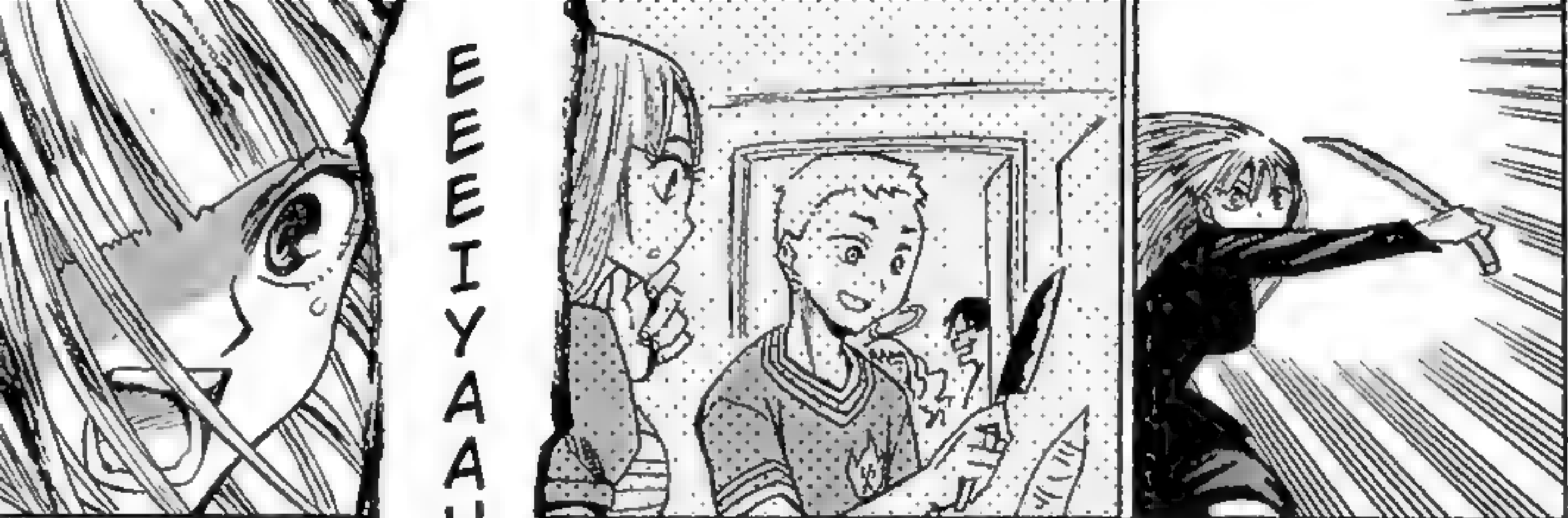




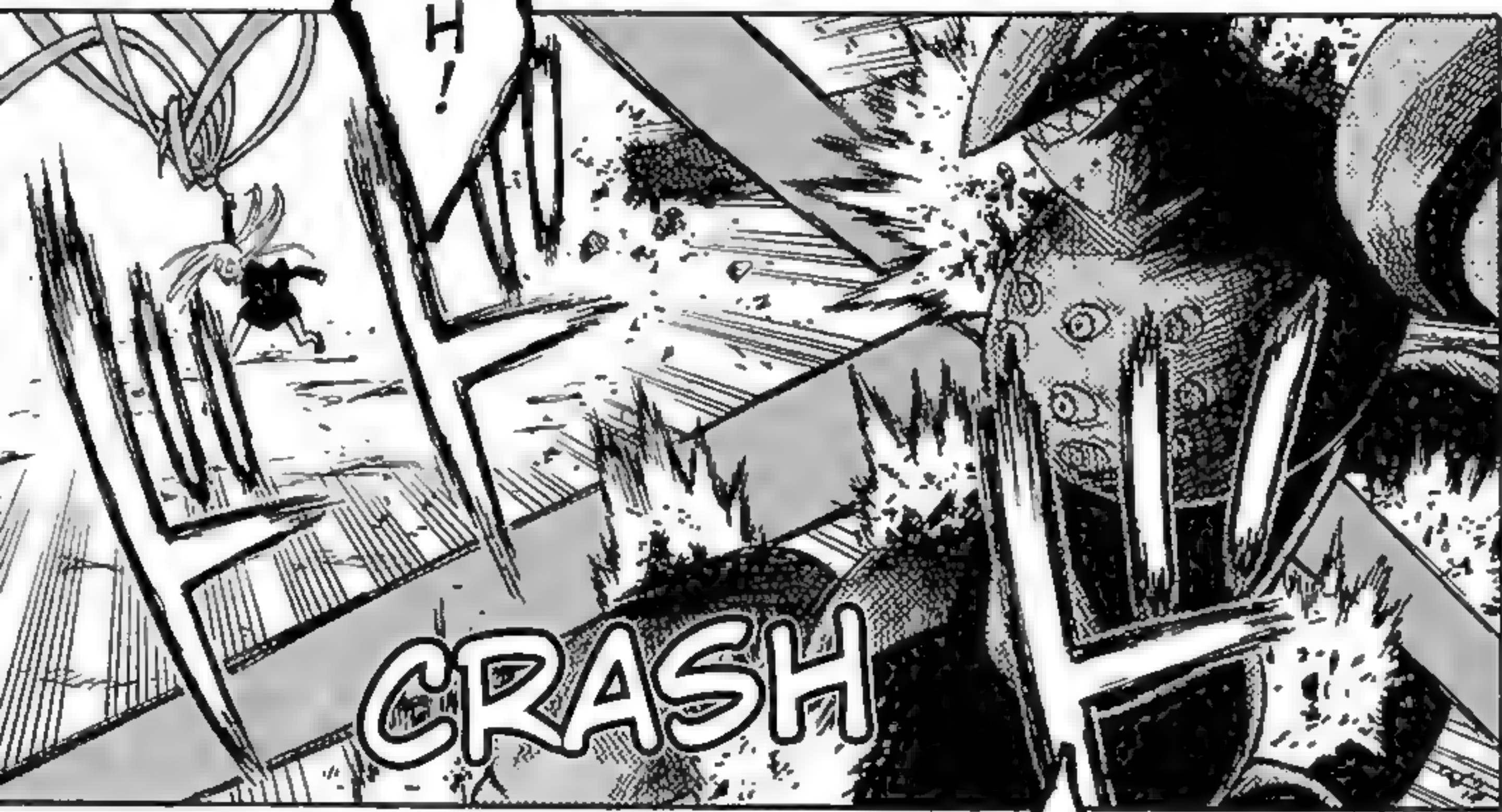


UOO
OHH-
HH!!





EEEEYAAHH!



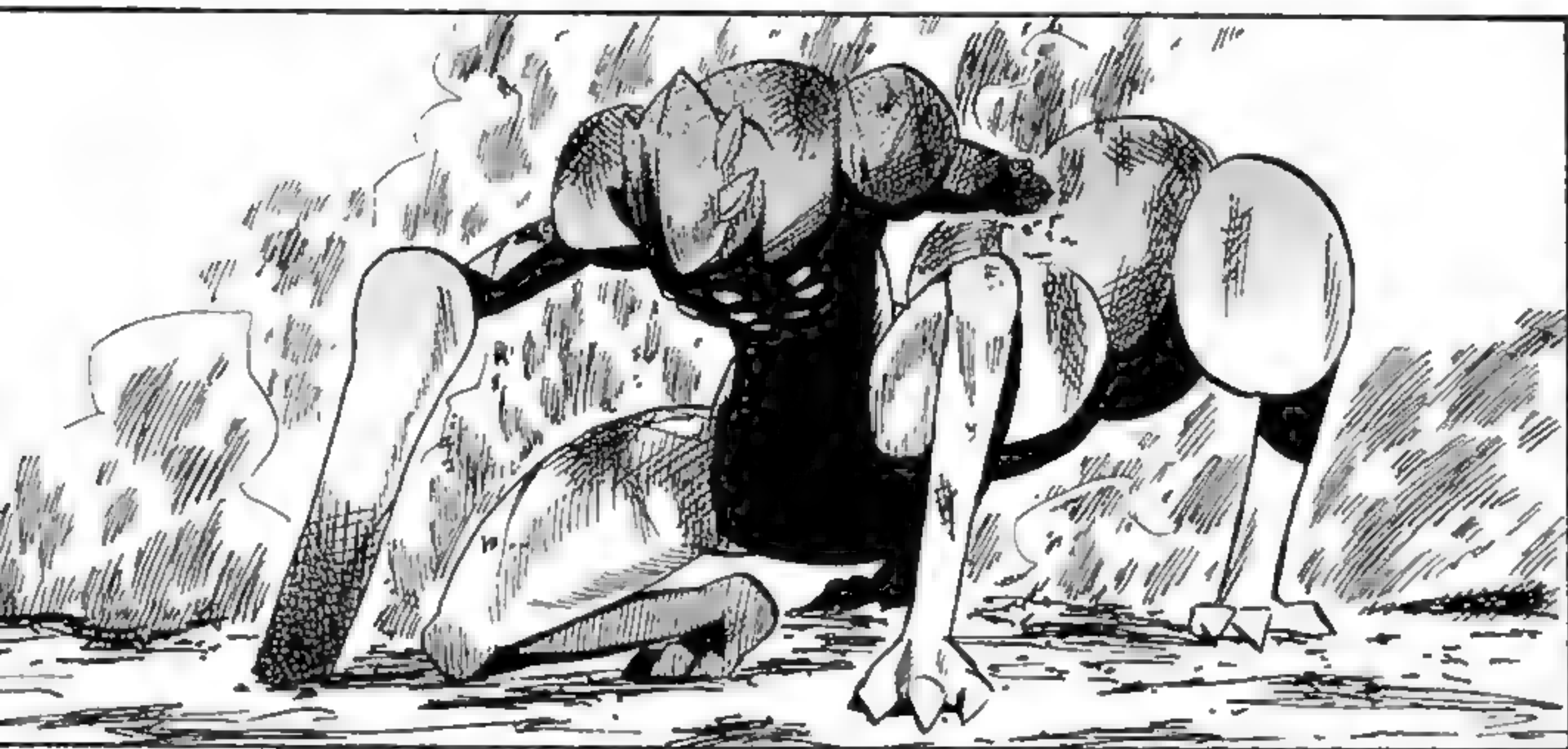
CRASH



SMACK

TOOOOIIII--







TIME
TO DIE,
NINE-
EYES!!

BOOM

CONCEN-
TRATE
BLASTS
ON IT,
GUYS!



I KNOW!



AND YOU
NEVER
HAD ANY-
THING
AGAINST
THE RAT.

HOHOO...
HOW
ABOUT
JOINING IN?

YOU OWE
SHIMAKI FOR
LETTING YOU
BORROW THE
MOURNING
BAND, ANYWAY.



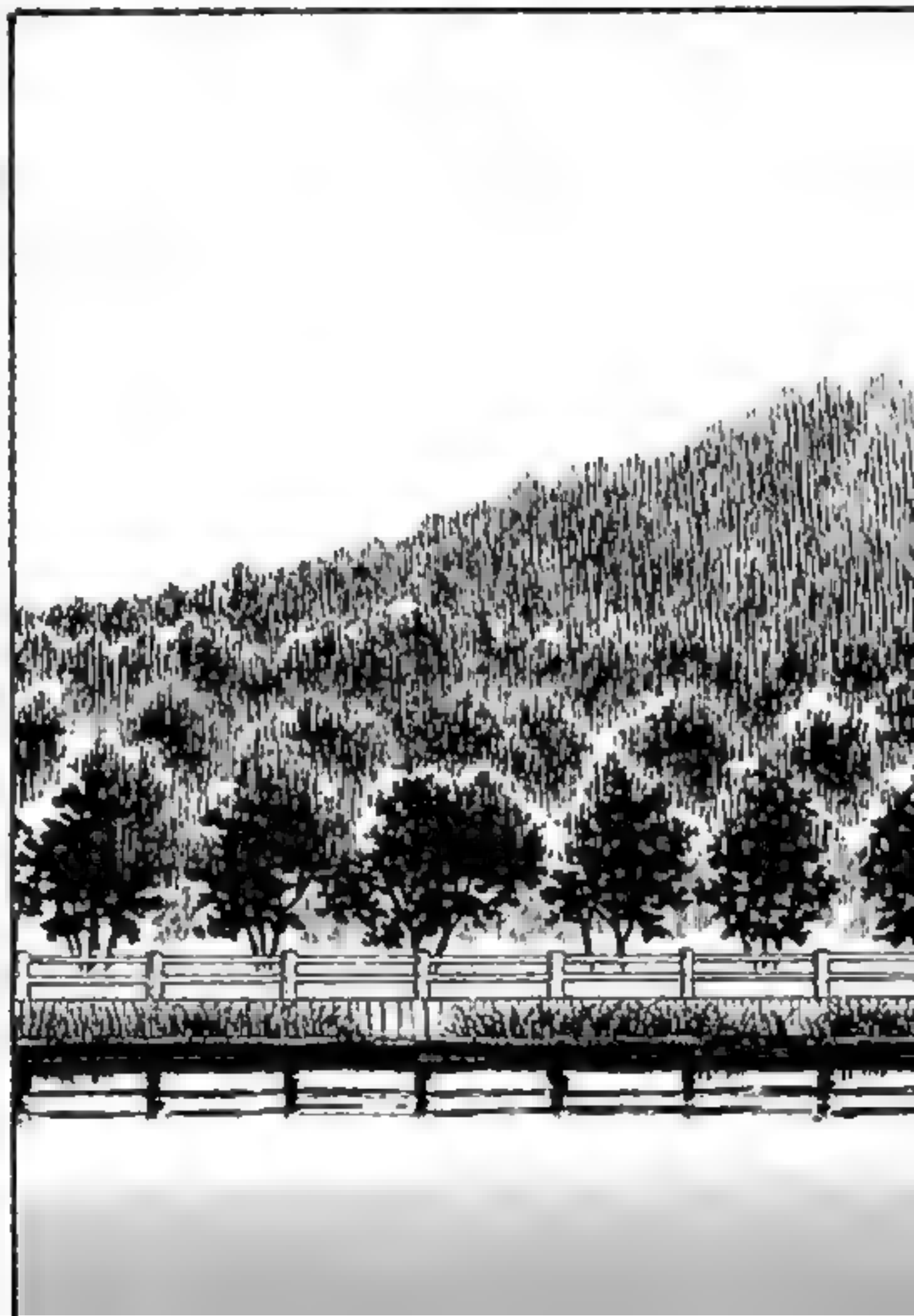
OK, LET'S
JUST PLAY
ON THE LAND,
THEN!

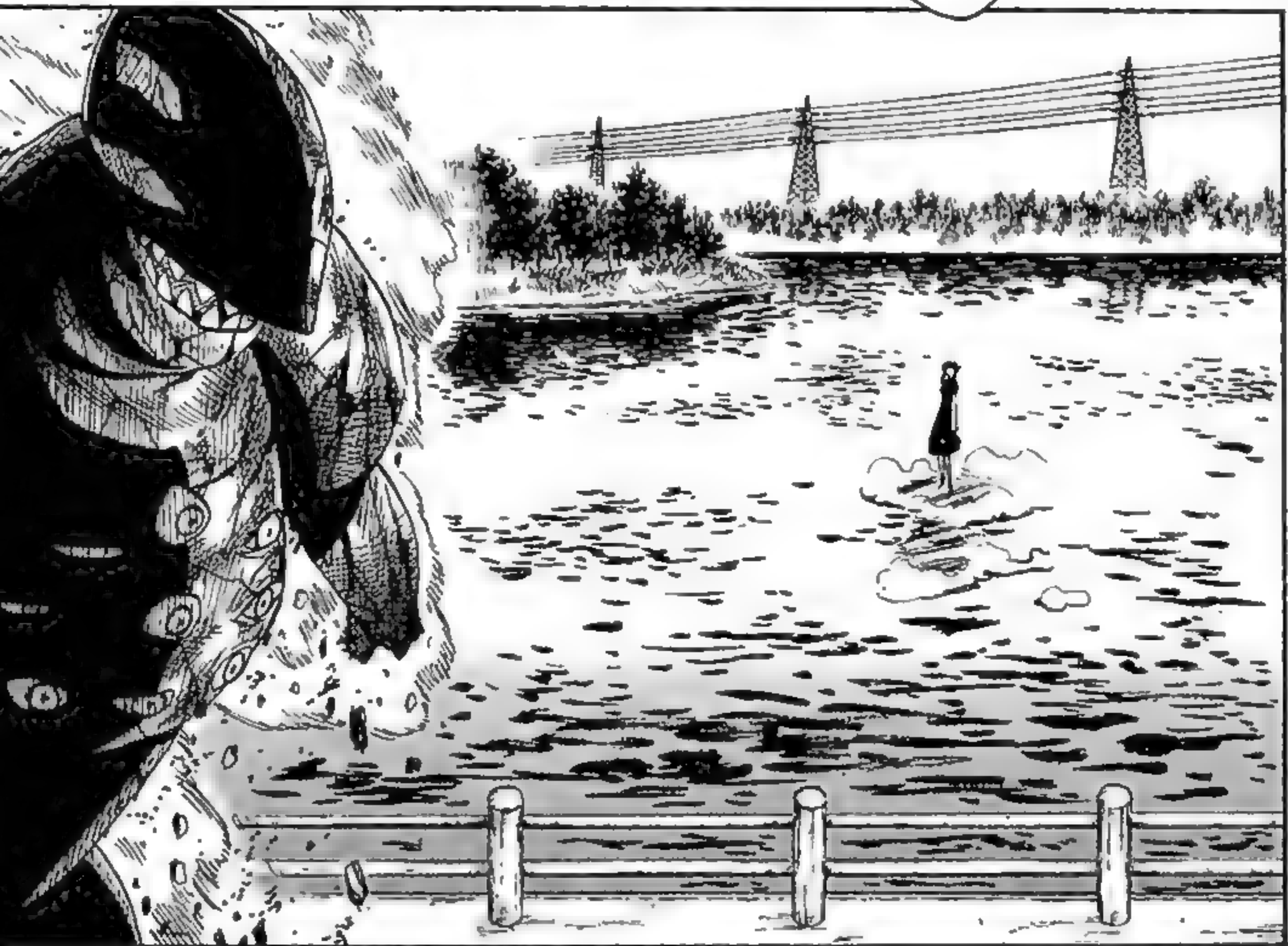
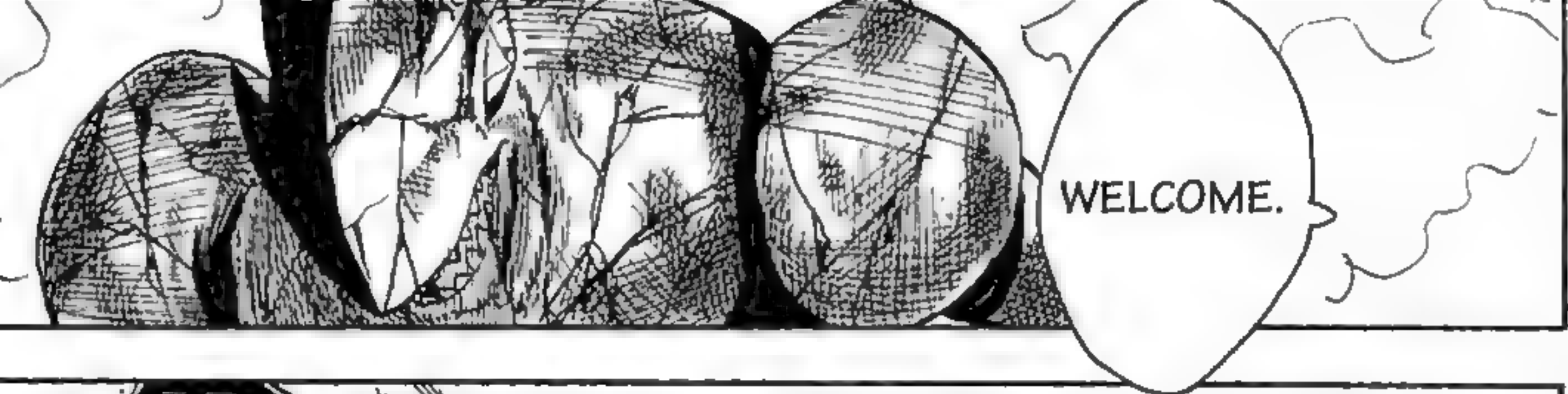
NO, THANKS.

YOU CAN'T
SWIM? WANT
ME TO TEACH
YOU HOW?

...I SAID NO
THANKS.



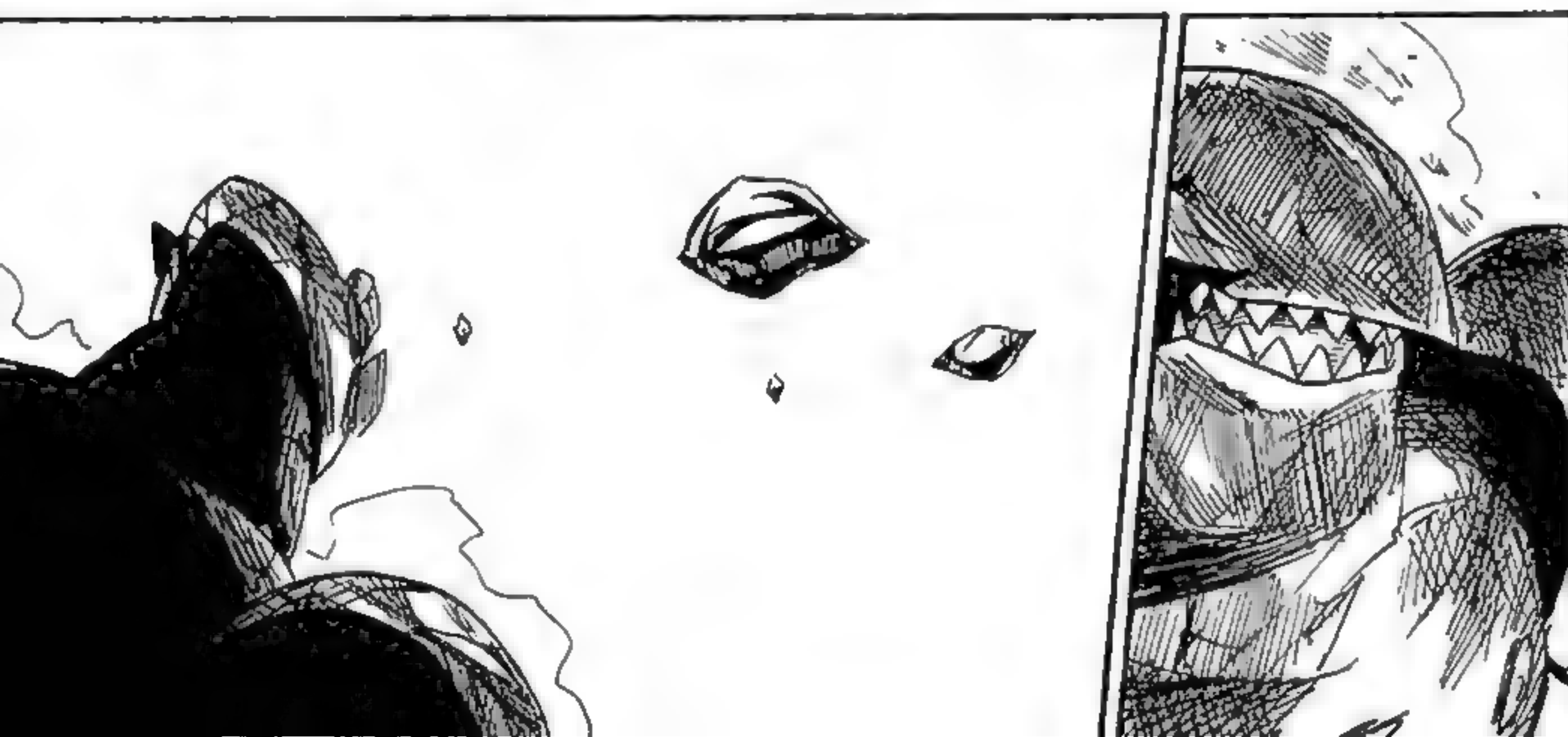




*HERO'S SWORD

KUSAKABE.*

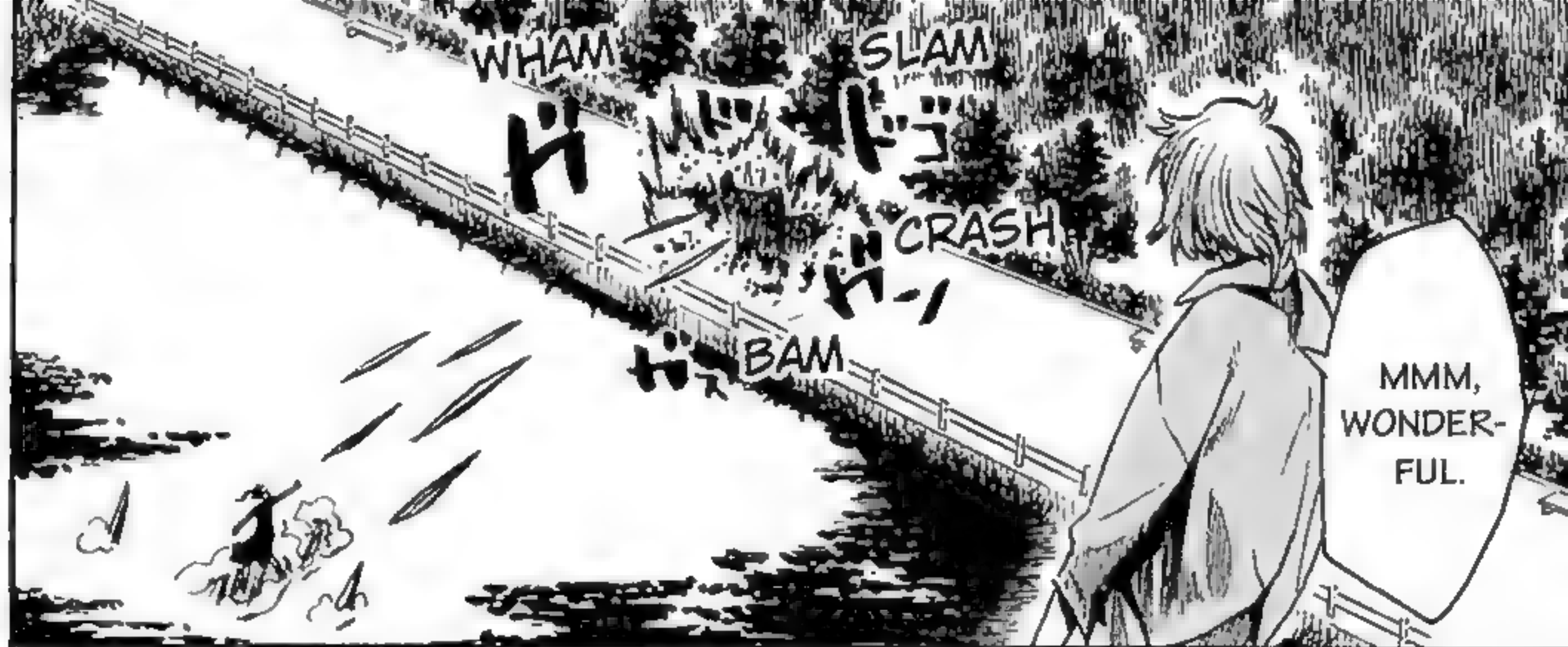






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WHAM

SLAM

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H

BAM

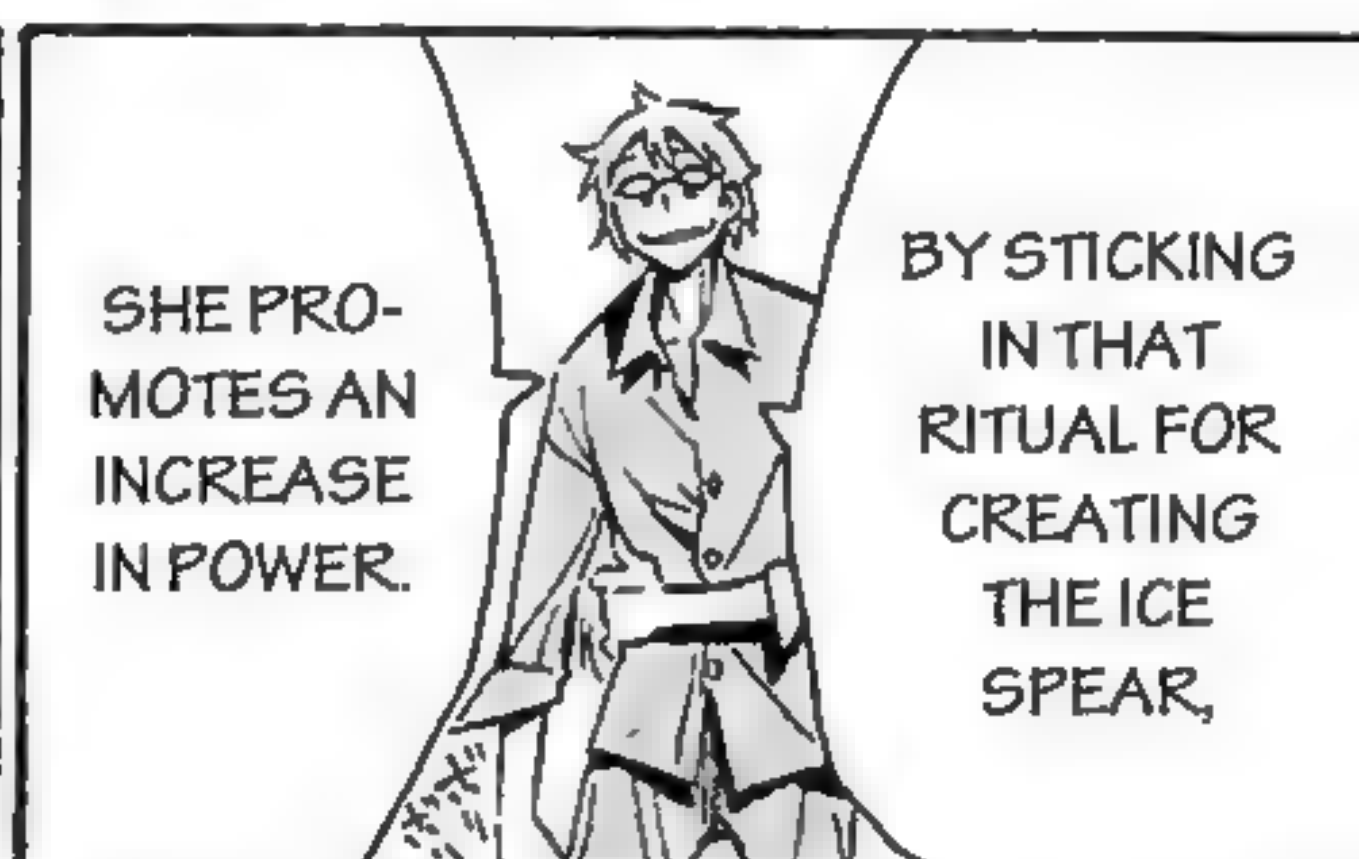
CRASH

MMM,
WONDER-
FUL.



HER ATTACK
POWER
RIVALS EVEN
THAT OF THE
DOG KNIGHT.

ON TOP OF THAT,
SHE'S LOOSENED
THE SCREWS IN
HER MIND AND
LAUNCHED INTO
A COMBO SO
INTENSE THAT
SHE CAN'T EVEN
SENSE HER OWN
EXHAUSTION...



SHE PRO-
MOTES AN
INCREASE
IN POWER.

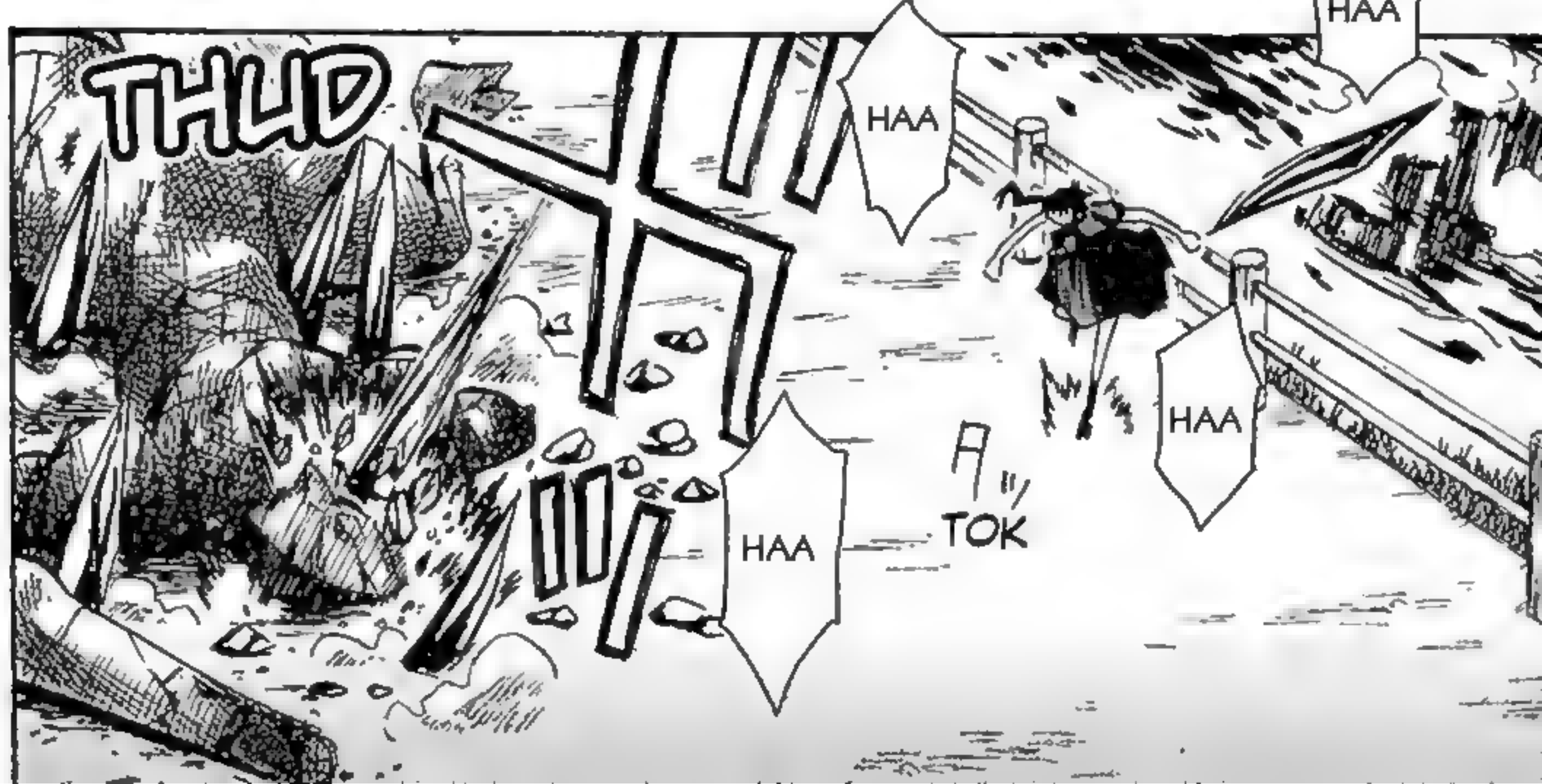
BY STICKING
IN THAT
RITUAL FOR
CREATING
THE ICE
SPEAR,



HAA

HAA

HAA



THUD

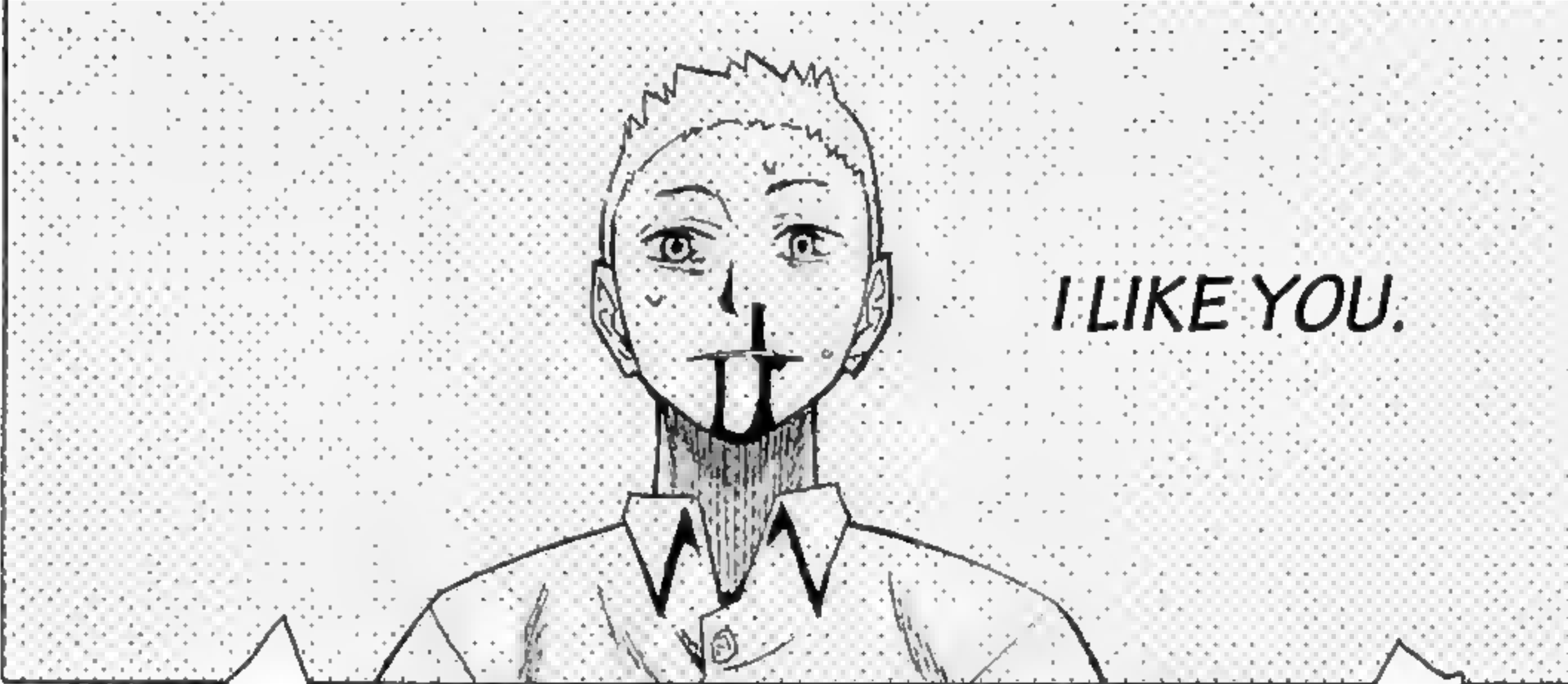
HAA

HAA

A
TOK

HAA





I LIKE YOU.



HAA

HAA

HAA

AH



AH

AH

HAA

AH...

HAA

HAA...

A
A
A
A
A
H
H
H
H
H!



AHH!

AHH!

AHH!



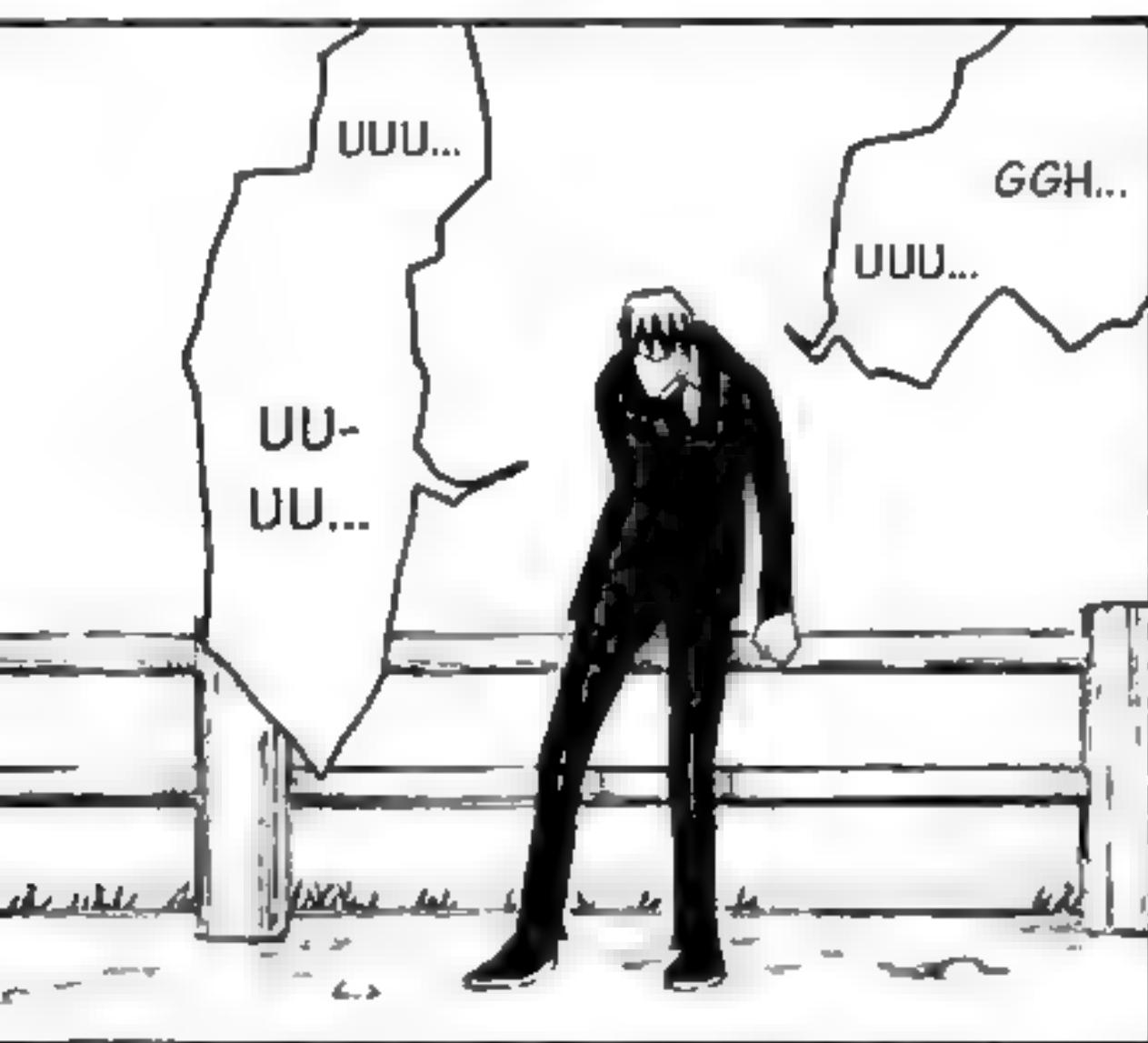
YES.
SORANO-
SAN'S
HERE.

YES...
SHE FIN-
ISHED IT
OFF.

THE
BATTLE
ENDED
NEAR THE
LAKE
BELOW.



BEEP
BEEP



UUU...

GGH...

UUU...

UU-
UU...



WHE-
W...

.....



STEP
#



OH...
IT WAS
HANA-KO-
CHAN?

.....



WAVE
IP A

LET'S GO,
EVERYONE.

TIME TO
COME
TOGETHER.

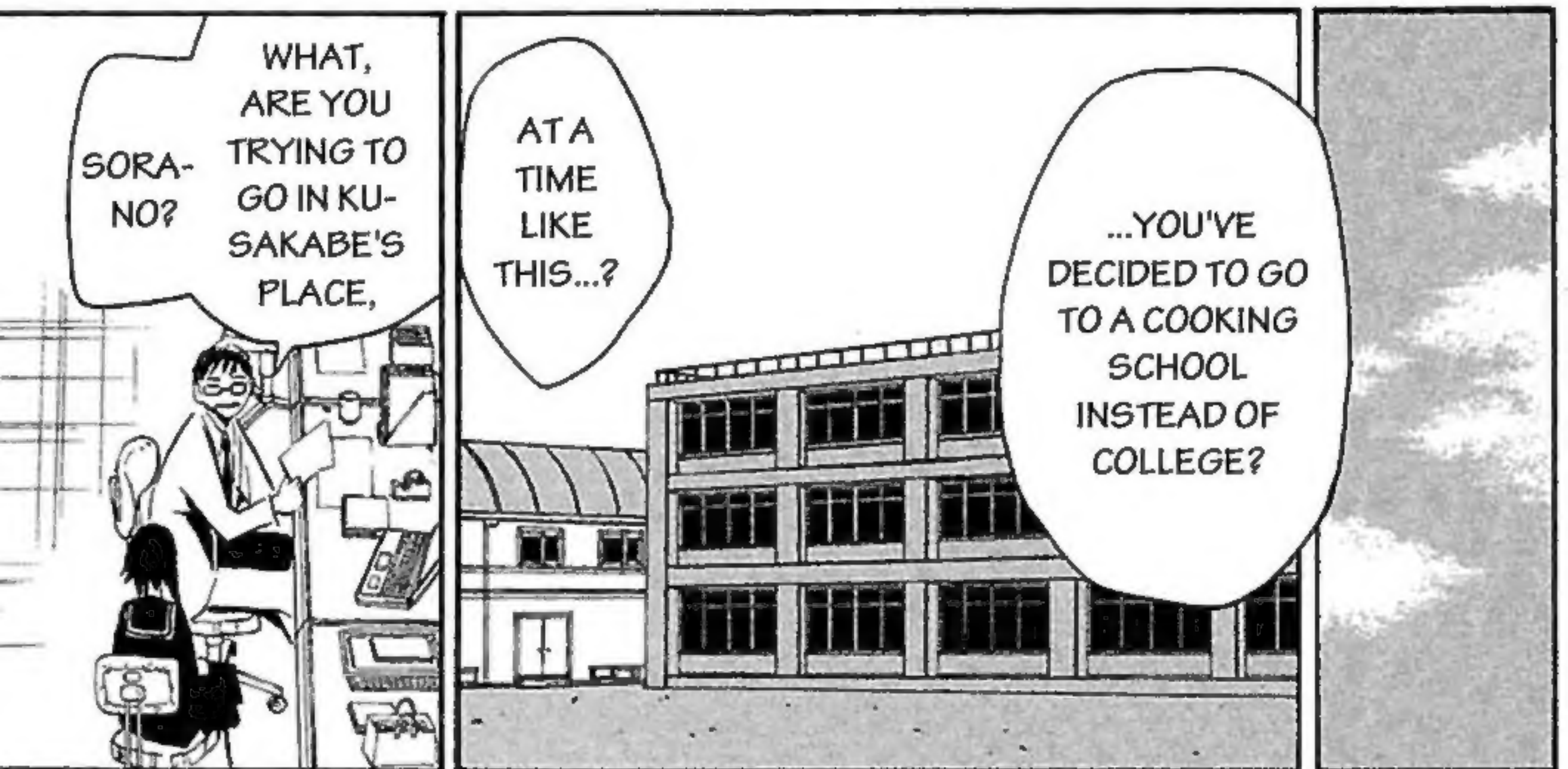


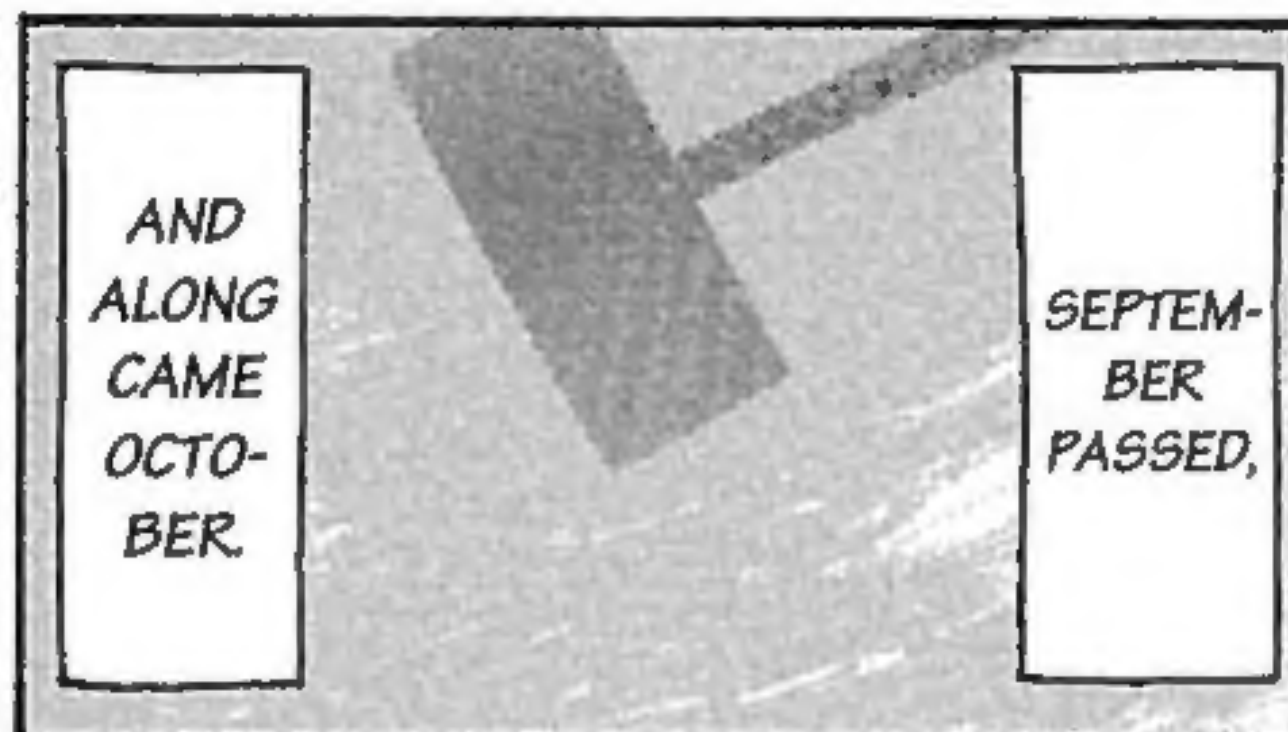
...BUT
KUSAKABE
TAROU...

SHINONOME-DONO
AND AKITANI-DONO
WERE ADMIRABLE
INDIVIDUALS...

...WAS A BOY
EVERYONE
LOVED.







SUMMER'S
OVER.



THE LUCIFER AND BISCUIT HAMMER

VOLUME 6

[THE HERO]

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